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Goal — and West Adelaide heads for the title



If West Adelaide wins the Phillips League championship next Sunday it will have this goal to thank. Scored by Ian McGregor (right), the goal set West Adelaide on its way to a 2-0 victory over difficult opponent South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park last Sunday. Dave Pillans (third from left) played the pass from which McGregor scored. Players pictured are, from left — goalkeeper Jack Reilly, Frank Munro, Pillans, Mike Pys, Stuart Baxter, McGregor and Billy Rogers. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

GIANTS FIGHT IT OUT

Ken Boden, Steve Perry or Neil McGachey — who will be the Yugoslav Airlines' "Soccer Action" Player of the Year?

Boden has an average of 7.76 votes, Perry 7.75 and McGachey 7.68 going into the last round of the Phillips League.

And so, the battle of the stars remains just as thrilling as the struggle for the championship between West Adelaide Hellas and Hakoah Easts.

West Adelaide will win the title if it wins or draws its match against local rival Adelaide City Juventus at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Hakoah will take the championship on goal difference if it beats Sydney Olympic on Sunday and if West Adelaide loses.

McGachey, long-serving midfielder ace of West Adelaide, is determined to put on a sparkling performance in a last-ditch bid to come from behind and win the Player of the Year award — a return trip for two to Europe, flying Yugoslav Airlines.

However, McGachey will have tough opposition in midfield from John Perin, Agnor Muniz and



Neil McGachey (W. Adel.)

McGachey waited until the last half dozen games of the championship to make his bid for the award.

Steve Perry, the Brisbane City sweeper who moved north from Sydney club Western Suburbs at the start of the

year, has been the leader for most of the season due to some fine displays under pressure in the Brisbane City defence.

Perry's closest rival has long been Newcastle striker Ken Boden, who finally overtook Perry half a point last week.

Now, the prolific goalscorer — top marksman in the league — holds a lead of only .01 over Perry coming into the last match.

Boden faces a tough task against two Prekelo and John Russell in Newcastle's match against Marconi at the International Sports Centre on Saturday.

However, Bobby Charlton will play midfield for Newcastle, and he may be able to create enough opportunities to enable Boden to get one or two goals and pick up the votes required.

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Some of Australia's leading soccer personalities got together to honor former Australian captain Johnny Warren on the "This Is Your Life" television programme.

Apart from those pictured, there were also appearances by Bobby Charlton and Dettmar Cramer, the former FIFA and Bayern Muenchen coach.

From left to right: Martin Royal (ABC), George Koi (national team captain of Fiji), Atti Abonyi (player/coach, South Sydney Croatia), Ray Baertz, Danny Moulis (Canberra City), Geoff Warren, John Chegwyn, Victor Fernandez (Canberra City), John Watkins

VIPs honor Warren

(former Socceroo, player-coach, Sutherland), Laurie Hegyes (former St. George coach), David Jack (Sydney Sun), Rale Rasic, Ross and Nola Warren, Charles Perkins (coach St. George), Theo Moulis (vice president Canberra City), Sir Arthur George, Mike Milovanovic (Canberra City), Roger Climpson (host, "This Is Your Life"), Steve Hogg (Canberra City), Peter Van Ryn (national team physiotherapist). FRONT: Johnny's parents and daughter Shannon.

OVERSEAS SOCCER ON ETHNIC TV SERVICE?

Soccer may be shown in a big way on the new ethnic television service planned by the Australian government.

The service will carry programmes of interest to foreign language speaking audiences.

allotted to foreign language sessions, catering heavily to Greeks, Italians and other groups.

European films will be shown in their original languages.

And, of course, the service will include overseas soccer and perhaps soccer taped in Australia.

It means, we could see matches from all over the world, taken from TV networks in various countries.

Although it has been suggested the new network be run by the ABC, the government may allow commer-

cials to be shown, although these would be only at the beginning and end of programmes.

This would help offset the cost of the service.

The government allocated one million dollars for the service in the Budget last week.

The government favors using Channel 5A for the ethnic TV service, but radio experts warn that the channel is prone to excessive interference.

Another proposal is that the service should become part of the Two

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Games

IN NEWCASTLE
Newcastle KB Utd. v
Marconi at International
Sports Centre, Saturday,
3 pm.

IN CANBERRA
Canberra City v Sth.
Melb. Hellas, Bruce
Stadium, Saturday 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
St. George v Western
Suburbs, Barton Park,
Sunday, 3 pm.
Sydney Olympic v
Hakoah-East, Went-
worth Park, Sunday 3 pm.
3 pm.

IN MELBOURNE
Fitzroy Alexander v
Footscray JUST, Olympic
Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane Lions v
Brisbane City, Perry Park,
Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
West Adelaide Hellas v
Adelaide Juventus, Hind-
marsh Stadium, Sunday
2.30 pm.

STANDINGS

	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	G	P
W. ADEL. HELLAS	9	0	3	23	13	7	3	3	18	13	41	26
HAKOAH-EASTS	7	2	3	27	10	7	3	3	24	17	47	27
MARCONI	8	3	2	30	14	4	3	5	16	16	46	30
S. MELB. HELLAS	7	3	3	26	12	4	5	3	16	18	42	30
Fitzroy Alexander	5	3	4	17	14	4	5	4	22	24	39	38
Brisbane Lions	4	6	2	15	13	4	4	5	21	24	36	37
Sydney Olympic	3	3	7	17	24	6	4	2	18	17	35	41
Western Suburbs	6	4	3	25	18	3	2	7	16	26	41	44
St. George	6	1	5	19	17	4	2	7	21	23	40	40
Adel. Juventus	5	2	4	18	12	4	3	7	19	31	37	43
Newcastle KB	2	6	4	18	20	3	4	6	14	20	32	40
Footscray JUST	2	3	8	17	21	4	5	3	11	16	28	37
Canberra City	2	8	2	19	17	3	2	8	9	21	28	38
Brisbane City	4	2	7	15	22	2	1	9	12	26	27	48

Philips League team of week

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team —

MULLEN (6) (Hak)	BELL (1) (Olymp)	O'CONNOR (1) (Hak)	MOWBRAY (2) (Hak)
STEVENSON (4) (Hak)	BOYLE (5) (WA Hellas)	MUNIZ (1) (Ad. Juve)	
MCGREGOR (2) (WA Hellas)	SMITH (1) (Hak)	LUJIC (8) (JUST)	

Philips League top scorers
for the Konstantine Jewel
Box award:

14. Boden (Newc).
13. C. Eaton (West Suba).
12. J. Campbell (Alex).
11. Vieri (Marc), Cole
(Alex), O'Connor (St. Geo).
10. Fisher (West Sub).
9. Jankovic (Marc),
Ollerton (Marc), Grulicic
(Can), T. Byrne (Can).
8. Cummings (SM-
Hellas), E. Campbell (Hak),
Silva (Hak), Hughes (Lions).
7. J. Nykohus (Adel
Juve), McGregor (WA-
Hellas), Hensman (St Geo).

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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 2 (Boden 2 Incl. pen.) —
BRISBANE CITY (Kelso) at Perry Park, Brisbane, Crowd
2800.

Ratings by Bruce Waddell.
CITY — Wishart 6, Rathmell 7, Perry 8, Ratcliffe 7, Kib-
bey 7, Gaffney 7 (Pimblett, 79th), Echaverria 6, Coyne 8,
Ibanez 5 (Conner 45th) Kelso 8, Caldwell 6.

NEWCASTLE UNITED — Dando 8, Willis 6, Drinkwater
7, Summercales 7, Curran 7, Mason 6, Sneddon 7, Galpin
6, Sebkalski 6, Boden 8, Tredinnick 7.

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 3 (Muniz 2, Perin) — FITZROY
UTD ALEXANDER 2 (Cole, Bannon).

Players ratings by Meno Toutelidis.
JUVENTUS: Marshall 6, Nykohus 7, Yung 7, Beir 7,
Llatter 6, Perin 8, Marocchi 7, Deans 7, Muniz 9, Matic 7,
Northcote 7.

ALEXANDER: Merner 8, McMillan 7, Provan 7, O'Reilly 7,
Tansay 7, Bannon 8, Campbell 7, Selenidis 6 (Bozikaas)
Cole 7, Buljevic 6, Taylor 6.

MARCONI 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at Marconi Oval,
Sydney, Crowd 5241.

Ratings by Alex Vasil.
MARCONI: Mahar 7, Jones 6, Degney 6, Russell 6,
Praskale 7, Islam 6, (Selvage 6) Jankovic 7, Vieri 8, Rooney
6, Mariani 7 (Sharne 7), Ollerton 5.

OLYMPIC: Meier 9, Palmer 7, Luckett 6, Bell 8, Wilson 7,
G. Allan 8, Laing 7, Jamieson 6, McIntosh 7, Cross 6,
Alnall 7.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 4 (Illoaki, Lujic, Picloane,
Nicolaidis) — BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Middle Park (double
header) crowd about 5000.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab.
J.U.S.T. — Boland 7, Hezabent 7, Kriaras 7, Kondarios 7,
Kazi 7, Ristic 8, Rujovic 8 (Nicolaidis 77th) Picloane 7
(Vasic 77th), Illoaki 8, Risticovki 7, Lujic 9.

LIONS — McFarlane 6, Potter 6, Hermiston 6, Bennett 6,
Niven 7, Neale 6, Amos 6 (G. Wilson 7, 55th min), Hughes 8,
Lazlo 6, Fairbrother 6, Jigani 5.

STH MELB HELLAS 0 — WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2
(McGregor 15th, Jones 50th) at Middle Park, crowd about
12,000.

Ratings by Laurie Schwab.
S. MELB — Reilly 7, Fye 7, Munro 6, Baxter 6,
Hagge-manouli 6, Lutton 6, Katselidis 7, Rogers 7,
Kyrgiakoulas 5 (Kakantonis 62nd), Cummings 7,
Nicolaidis 6.

W. ADEL. Crook 7, Reynolds 6, Kampas 7, Jones 6,
Sozanic 8, Honyman 7, McGachey 8, Boyle 9, Norris 7,
Pillane 7, McGregor 8.

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Stone) — CANBERRA CITY 0
at Wentworth Park, Crowd: 2747.

Play: Ratings by John Taylor.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Eaton 8, Skellern 6, Wilson 7,
Turnbull 6, Rowden 6, Harding 8, O'Donnell 5 (Davis 5 —
51), Stone 8, Vernon 6, Fisher 8, Eaton 8.

CANBERRA CITY: Tisled 7, Hogg 6, Henderson 7, Stark
7, Salgado 8, Cant 7, Crulic 6 (Lustica 1 81), Davies 5
(Reis 5 - 52), Kawalava 7, Keywood 6, Byrne 5.

HAKOAH: 4 (Smith 2, Stevenson Grosse own goal) —
ST. GEORGE 2 (Morgan, Hensman) at Wentworth Park,
Sydney, Crowd: 2747 (double-header).

Ratings by Peter Scott.
HAKOAH: Clarke 8, Mullen 8, Thomson 8, Steve O'Con-
nor 8, Mowbray 8, Stevenson 8, Bouness 8 (Trenter 83rd
min), Barnes 7, Campbell 7, Smith 8, Silva 8.

ST. GEORGE: Coe 6, Ulesonovic 7, John O'Shea 6,
Harrie 7, Terry 8, Coates 7, Grosse 5 (Mike O'Shea 7, at
half-time), Robert O'Shea 7, Hensman 7 (Durlisic, 80th
min), Morgan 8, Phil O'Connor 7.

BRISBANE LIONS 4 (Fairbrother, Neale, Nykohus og,
Ontong) — ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 1 (Muniz), at Olympic
Sports Field Crowd 1500.

Ratings by Meno Toutelidis.
JUVENTUS: Marshall 6, B. Nykohus 6, Rusco 6, Beir 7,
Llatter 8, Matic 5, Rigby 6, Marwe 6, Muniz 6, J. Nykohus 7,
Northcote 7.

BRISBANE LIONS: McKenzie 7, Potter 7, Hermiston 8,
Bennett 8, Niven 7, Neale 7, Amos 7, Laalo 7, Fairbrother 7,
Hughes 8, Ontong 8.

Boden just ahead

Leading averages:
7.76 Boden (Newc)
7.75 Perry (Brib C)
7.68 McGachey (WA-Hellas).

7.6 Lujic (JUST), Vieri (Marc), Kampas (WA-Hellas),
7.5 Henderson (Can), Rooney (Marc), Boyle (WA-
Hellas).

7.4 Hermiston (Lions), Starke (Can), Summercales
(Newc), O'Connor (St Geo).

7.3 Buljevic (Alex), Tisled (Can), Praskic, Degney,
Shorne (Marc), Mullen (Hak), B. Nykohus, Northcote, J.
Nykohus (Adel Juve), Lutton (SM-Hellas), Jones (WA-
Hellas).



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By LAURIE SCHWAB

Sydney's five Philips League clubs — Marconi, Hakoah, St. George, Olympic and Western Suburbs — are about to rejoin the NSW Federation.

On the face of it, their return to the fold could appear to have something to do with the PSL relegation-promotion scheme which is scheduled to start at the end of 1979.

After all, if a club is relegated from the PSL, it would want some sort of competition to go back to, and no competition is available unless you are a member of a federation.

But the real reason for the return of the PSL clubs, according to NSW Federation president Karl Rodny, is that they have been ordered by the ASF to affiliate with the State or to "get out".

Mr Rodny says, talks about affiliation are still taking place and that the five clubs would probably finalise their return at the federation's annual meeting in November or December.

No formula

What is interesting, for the purpose of this discussion, is that no formula has been worked out under which a relegated Sydney PSL club would return to a State competition. But what is almost certain is that the relegated club would not be admitted to the State League.

Rodny concedes as much. "The formula would have to be worked out," he says, "but I doubt that the club which comes down from the PSL would automatically get into the State League."

In Victoria, there is a particularly sneaky provision in the Federation's rules.

It says that a Melbourne PSL club would be readmitted to the State League providing it gives six months' notice of its return.

The catch is that no club could predict six months in advance whether or not it will be relegated.

And so, the relegated club would have to play in a minor league, as will be the case in NSW.

The Victorian clubs do however, have the advantage of already running teams in the Metropolitan League. J.U.S.T. and Alexandria in the Second Division and Hellas sitting on top of the Third Division and almost certain to be promoted.

It is logical therefore, that if the senior club were relegated, it would simply join its Metropolitan League team in whatever division that team happened to find itself at the time.

The same would probably apply in Adelaide and Brisbane, where the PSL clubs have teams in the minor leagues.

In other words, it is conceivable that South Melbourne, Hellas which has more support than any other club based in a capital city, could find itself playing in the Victorian Second Division.

Similarly, Marconi, West Adelaide, Hellas or Brisbane City could all be relegated to minor leagues where they would join amateurs who play on windswept, unfenced, isolated grounds for the fun of it and the pleasure of a drink afterwards.

That is one side of the promotion-relegation picture. The other side concerns the teams which will be in line for promotion.

Let's first repeat how the promotion-relegation set-up is supposed to work.

Theoretically, the team that finishes last in the PSL is to be replaced by the State League (First Division) champion from the same State.

The same procedure is to be followed at the end of the 1980 season.

The catch is that the team to be promoted will have to meet criteria prescribed by the PSL and be screened and approved by its State federation.

Play-off

If the championship winner is not suitable for promotion, meaning it doesn't have enough money or adequate facilities or support, promotion will go to the runner-up of the State championship.

If the runner-up isn't suitable either, the team that finished third in the State will be given the chance to play off against the candidate for relegation from the PSL.

If no team is eligible for promotion, the last-placed PSL club will be allowed to remain in the league.

However, any team finishing last for two consecutive seasons will be relegated whether or not there is a suitable replacement.

At the end of the 1981 season, there will be a different promotion system. The bottom two national league teams will be relegated and replaced by the winner and runner-up of a competition arranged by the ASF.

This competition will be between the winners of the various State League championships, provided they

Promotion—relegation: is it on the level?

meet the necessary requirements of the national league.

Where a State League champion is ineligible, that team will be replaced in the ASF competition by the State runner-up.

What it all means is that promotion and relegation is by no means a certainty.

PSL club officials with whom "Soccer Action" has spoken, argues that the league has not approved the promotion-relegation scheme. League officials deny this and argue that the ASF will force the scheme through because the ASF represents the States and in every State there is strong pressure from the top leagues for passing into the PSL.

When it was put to NSW Federation president Karl Rodny that the promotion-relegation scheme had more loopholes than a sieve, he said: "It is up to the ASF to make sure the scheme goes ahead. It is up to the ASF to protect the States. Promotion and relegation was one of the conditions under which the Philips League was established."

Now, let's look at some hypothetical situations that could arise under the proposed scheme.

In the Victorian State League, Essendon Croatia and Preston Makedonia are the only two clubs with any sizeable support — yet, the "match of the year" between the two drew only 6000 people to Olympic Park, whereas

a match of equal importance between Hellas and Alexander would draw up to 15,000 or more.

Waste of cash

But that aside, let's say the top four finishing order is: 1. Slavia, 2. Hakoah, 3. Frankston, 4. Sunshine.

Under the league's criteria, all four would be ineligible for promotion because none has sufficient support.

More realistically, Croatia and Makedonia will be among the leaders at the end of 1979, because both will continue spending to stay up there.

But they could stay on top of the ladder and still not be promoted. Let's not forget that a Victorian team can go up only if a Victorian team comes down.

In other words, they could be wasting big money and getting into financial difficulty whereas they could be much better off without that elusive lure dangling in front of them.

The same applies to Sydney. Croatia, APIA and perhaps Melita Eagles would come under consideration for promotion, but to stay near the top, they would have to spend big money without any guarantee that a Sydney club will finish last in the PSL.

If the top four were Auburn, Granville, Manly and Arncliffe, all would be rejected for lack of support.

In Adelaide, none of the State League teams has even a quarter of the crowd that follows either West Adelaide

were new clubs, purporting to represent their city in a genuine way, that they have enjoyed such success.

If Newcastle finishes last at the end of 1979, it would, under the proposed scheme, have to be replaced by another club from the Newcastle district.

The hard work and promotion of Newcastle KB United will have gone to waste.

A new club — providing one is able to meet the criteria — would have to start all over again. The difference is that this new club will be wooing fans and, more important, sponsors, who are disillusioned by failure.

The fans who became attached to Newcastle KB United, would probably stick with the club in whatever league it is relegated to.

The new club will be an existing one, with its own supporters — and not many at that. It will be a club which will not be seen to be representing the city in the same way KB United was.

It would be the same story in Canberra.

The danger inherent in the proposed scheme is that excuses may be sought to prevent the relegation of clubs like Canberra, Newcastle, South Melbourne Hellas, West Adelaide Hellas, Adelaide Juventus, Marconi, Olympic and Fitzroy Alexander because of their crowd support.

And there may be less effort put into finding excuses to keep the clubs with less support, clubs like Western Suburbs, Hakoah, Footscray J.U.S.T., St. George, etc.

As for relegation — wouldn't it be farcical to see South Melbourne Hellas and Marconi playing Second Division soccer?

How would they and their supporters react?

One popular concept seems to be that of a PSL Second Division. Whilst it would certainly provide some of the answers, it would also create some insurmountable problems.

For example, air fares would have to be paid. As it is, the sponsorship money the PSL gets from Philips Industries does not cover all air fares. The balance is met from the league coffers.

Would Philips be willing to sponsor a second division which would cost the company probably another \$450,000 over three years, or would the second division be sponsored by a difference company?

Would we then have Philips League first division and say, a Coca Cola second division, followed by various Rothmans State Leagues?

And wouldn't a second division serve as direct competition to the first division, as far as crowds are concerned?

All these and more questions remain to be answered fully and convincingly.

Licensing

Personally, I would advocate scrapping the proposed promotion-relegation scheme for the time being and trying out a system which PSL manager John Frank studied in West Germany.

The German league grants licences to member clubs. Under the terms of the licences, the club concerned must meet certain obligations in the areas of finances, promotion, growth, encouragement of juniors, crowd attendances etc. If these terms are not met, the licence can be revoked.

Such a scheme would be valuable in Australia. The club or clubs that do not meet their obligations — and there will always be some — are replaced at the end of the year by a club or clubs selected from applications called.

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'Coaching' for the PM

Little Tobin Hubbard, 8, has turned the interest of British Prime Minister James Callaghan and his wife Audrey to soccer.

Tobin is pictured demonstrating the skills of the game to Mr and Mrs Callaghan.

Tobin turned "coach" while the family was together to celebrate Mr and Mrs Callaghan's 40th wedding anniversary.

Tobin is the son of the Prime Minister's daughter, Julia and her husband Ian Hub-



Canberra stopped by Eaton



West. Sub. 1 Canberra 0

By John Taylor

There was nothing at stake between Western Suburbs and Canberra City — and that's exactly how both teams approached this match at Wentworth Park.

West's literally 'stole' the two points. Canberra certainly didn't deserve to lose, but the records will show a 1-0 win to West.

The only thing that saved the match from being a total bore was Peter Stone's match-winning 80th minute goal.

West's goalie Terry Eaton is like good wine. He keeps maturing with age. Eaton thwarted Canberra's hopes with some outstanding second-half saves.

For Canberra's red-haired striker Terry Byrne it will be remembered as a nightmare game.

He had three splendid second-half chances but muffed the lot. The first gift came his way in the 55th minute when he had an open shot at goal.

Byrne hit the ball with no purpose and goalie Eaton had no trouble deflecting the shot wide. Four minutes later, Byrne had the goalmouth at his mercy after Hogg had created the opening.

This time, Byrne's left foot shot went well wide.

Byrne even had the chance to salvage a draw for Canberra but missed another virtual effort just four minutes from the end.

Canberra played the more enterprising football and through their midfielders Davies, Cant and Grulic had the better of the first half.

The only real drama of the first half was provided by two Canberra bookings.

First, referee Barry Wilkinson produced the yellow card to Henderson in the 12th minute and six minutes later Byrne was cautioned.

West's lack of drive and depended very much on Peter Stone's ability to create openings.

West's only real first half scoring chance came to striker Allan Fisher in the 32nd minute. Stone made the break up the right and perfectly crossed to unmarked Fisher, who shot wide.

Canberra should have grabbed the lead a minute after half time when Byrne set up a good chance for Heywood.

Eaton palmed Heywood's shot away and Canberra found the recurring problem was not to beat the West goalkeeper.

Play became scrappy in midfield where both teams were guilty of careless passing.

Stone was again West's hero when he picked up a loose ball 20 metres out and his first-time shot went under the legs of City's goalie Ron Tiled who appeared to be un-sighted.

Luck stayed with West and it was left back Ian Rowden who saved the day when he cleared off the line a shot by Byrne.



East Hakoah's two-goal hero Terry Smith in action against St. George.

HAKOAH LURKING, SET TO POUNCE

By PETER SCOTT

West Adelaide Hellas took a giant step towards the Phillips League championship last weekend but they will be feeling the hot breath of Hakoah on their necks right until the finish of a dramatic season.

This message came through loud and clear in Hakoah's 4-2 win against St. George — and heaven help the South Australians if they stumble in the local derby with Adelaide Juventus on Sunday.

Of course, to draw by all that Hellas needs, but anything can happen.

If it does, Gerry Chald full intends, many to be there, hands outstretched for a second successive championship trophy.

"We are not giving up until the

final whistle," he vowed moments after Hakoah got through with the determined St. George team.

"Maybe we will only finish in second place, but Hellas won't have a chance to relax for a second this week."

Hakoah's performance against the Saints was not up to its brilliant best, but even with plenty in reserve, the two points looked safe for most of the game.

Paradoxically, that statement held true even when St. George

twice managed to get on even terms.

On both occasions, the Blues quickly pulled themselves together and finally put the issue beyond doubt.

The star of the afternoon was John Stevenson, scoring one of the goals and roaming the field tirelessly, the dominating figure in Hakoah's main strength — the midfield.

The strikers showed a change, with Joe Watson absent — floored



Hakoah 4 St. Geo. 2

by the flu — but Ernie Campbell deputized for him in his usual tough-as-tails fashion, giving full-back Peter Terry a nightmarish afternoon.

Apart from a few momentary lapses — a couple of them very costly — the defensive unit of Clarke, Mulla, Thomson, O'Connor and Mowbray functioned safely and well.

It was a measure of St. George's impotence that their goals came from glaring errors in the Hakoah defence.

After Brendan Grosse opened the scoring by putting Hakoah in the lead with an own goal, he scored past his goalie Martin Coo in the 22nd minute, the first big Hakoah blunder was perpetrated by O'Connor, Mullen and Stevenson three minutes later.

All of them had the chance to play the ball upfield from the touch line, but managed only to push it around until Rob O'Shea nipped in and stole it.

A quick pass to lanky Neville Morgan inside the penalty area was followed by a shot that gave Todd Clarke no chance in goal.

Hakoah struck back to take a 2-1 lead in the next minute, when Stevenson made amends by catching Coo off guard with a cleverly flighted ball.

The champions continued to dominate and St. George scored, a minute after half-time, when Clarke dropped a ball he should have held and Heneman converted an easy chance.

By this time, Grosse, who was seemingly crushed by his goal, made way for Mike O'Shea, thus giving fans the chance to see all three of the footballing brothers on show at the same time.

Hakoah seemed to bog down a little at this stage, even though the Saints rarely threatened.

One of those raids, however, nearly resulted in a goal, when a careless backpass from Eddie Thomson failed to reach Clarke.

O'Connor gathered it in and slipped past the goalie, but with the empty net at his mercy took the ball out of bounds.

Obviously for the Hakoah forwards, Mark Trenter started to warm up — and as so often this season — the implied threat from the left, which had its desired effect.

Terry Smith suddenly sprang into action, tapping the ball home from a Barnes header, with three minutes to go, averting catastrophe in the 62nd minute.

Trenter thus resumed his seat on the bench.

Just as well, as the Hakoah attack really got down to the business at hand.

Silva hit the upright with a glorious free kick, curved magically around the Saints' wall,bourne went close twice with head and foot and, finally, utter desperation, "daylight robbery" to gain a goal from a situation which should have been safe and sound for the Saints.

This goal, in the 82nd minute, was a gift. Only the fancy "wrapping" was needed and Smith duly provided it.

Mark Trenter did eventually get a chance to show his wares when he came on for Bouassa, suffering from a pulled thigh muscle, near the final whistle.

Now, Hakoah is preparing for the final do-or-die battle with a mixture of firm determination and, quite frankly, utter desperation.

The absolute frustration in their camp, at the knowledge that no matter how well they may play the final outcome, is dependent on others, is hard to describe.

Surficial to say it is there, and it makes for an entralling finish to a championship that is even more dramatic than last year's.

Most of the credit is due to their veteran supremo Joe Vialata, who worked miracles with a demoralised squad.

Westad stars ripe for national team

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Knowing the reputation of Neil McGachey, South Melbourne coach Dave MacLaren assigned 16-year-old Kiriakos Kyrgiakoulas to mark him.

It didn't work too well, for while Kyrgiakoulas was chasing McGachey, Peter Boyle was making the play.

And despite the man at his heels, McGachey still managed to contribute a lot to the West Adelaide victory. And so McGachey and Boyle confirmed once again that they are perhaps the finest midfield combination in the league.

West Adelaide coach Jim Adam believes both of them should be in the new national team to be chosen next year, by Rudi Outendorf.

And David Jones will prove the successor to Peter Wilson in the national team, Adam says.

Other Socceroo candidates in-

clude left back Vic Bezanic, who would have the hardest left-foot shot in the league, and of course goalkeeper Martin Crook.

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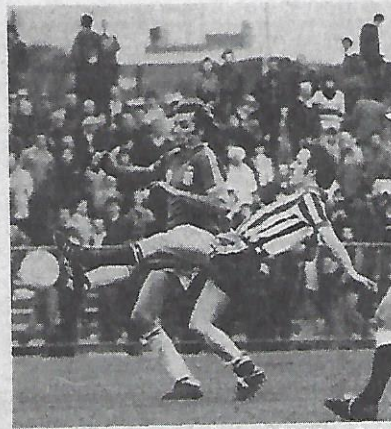
in Dave Pillana, but it looked best against South Melbourne when through balls were played to men running off the ball.

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West Adelaide's star midfielder Peter Boyle (right) hooks the ball away from Billy Rogers.

of the Hellas team was its defence, which often sprang more leaks than a sieve.

Looking at the way the game went, it must be said that South Melbourne could easily have gone in at half time holding at least a draw, or perhaps a narrow lead.

As early as the fourth minute, Bertie Lutton passed a great ball past Con Kampas into the path of Nicolaidis storming through the middle but goalkeeper Crook darted out quickly and met the ball at the same time Nicolaidis did.

Lutton was leading all the Hellas assaults. He was holding the ball well, enabling help to arrive from the back, and he was playing passes which a fellow like Evans would have relished.

But when Hellas was forced out of attack, the defence screamed in panic. In the 6th minute Pillana, McGregor and Honeyman all had shots that bounced off defenders who were throwing themselves about all over the goal area, stopping the ball due to good luck rather than wise management.

The defence was dealt a heavy blow when Hellas, in the 15th minute, Stuart Baxter moved upfield and miscued as he tried a shot at goal.

The awkward kick aggravated his lingering ankle injury and he started limping in pain.

Baxter stayed on the field for the rest of the match, but only a minute after that painful kick, West Adelaide took the lead.

Dave Pillana took the ball at the right of the penalty area after a defender had missed it. He delayed it calmly and sent a perfect square pass into the middle where McGregor lashed it into the net.

A few minutes later, Graham Norris ran through the defence and put the ball away, but referee Tim Davies had already blown the whistle for offside.

Frank Munro and McGachey clashed very heavily in midfield as Munro was trying to barge his way through. Both had to receive treatment before they limped on.

Just before half time, Lutton ran onto a good through ball from Billy Rogers, but it took him on too much of an angle and his shot was blocked by Crook.

Five minutes after half time, Bozanic hit a vicious ground shot from the left, which took a deflection off a defender's leg and forced goalkeeper Jack Rilly to change direction quickly to get down to the ball. Rilly did well even to block the shot, but he could not hold it and David Jones moved in to finish it off for the second goal.

The goal gave West Adelaide the confidence to take over completely in all positions.

A great run by McGregor to the bye-line and a square ball to the middle looked dangerous but Baxter cleared in front of Norris.

Bozanic took a free kick against Munro at the edge of the area and rammed it low through the wall, but Rilly got down well to save.

South Melbourne was getting restless only occasionally. Cunningham tried a long-range shot which went just over the bar and a good effort by Chris Kalafatis, playing in the midfield, was saved by Crook.

At the other end, another good run by McGregor split the Hellas defence. McGregor played the ball square for Norris running in, but Norris missed the ball altogether.



WARREN

Former national captain John Warren

Prime Minister's Cup

Canberra City and Newcastle KB are to compete annually for the Prime Ministers Cup.

The PSL new chums and "blood brothers" have completed negotiations for the home and away series which will kick off in Canberra on September 17.

Canberra City acted upon my suggestion to introduce the series to create more interest for the many loyal supporters of both clubs and to add more competitive matches to the rather limited PSL season.

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Krari's ends it today

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Jim Krari will play his last game at Olympic Park on Sunday, Krari, 30, has decided to retire due to a lingering back injury which has troubled him all year.



Jim Krari (right) tackles Brisbane Lions sweeper Jim Hermiston at Middle Park last Sunday. In the background are Zoran Illoski, Mendo Ristovski and Jim Kondarjs.

Marconi at its worst

By ALEX VESIC

Win, draw or lose, Marconi has entertained its supporters throughout this season with some scintillating football at times. However, Marconi's performance in this game was short of even the average entertainment one finds at a local amateur fixture.

Sydney Olympic, the team of honest but ordinary performers, did not have to stretch themselves to hold a very out-of-form Marconi. In fact, had Derek Laing scored in the 50th minute after a terrible back-pass by Paul Degney, Olympic could have gone home with both points.

Marconi started the game without Peter Sharpe but had its new signing, Domingo Iselmo, playing in midfield to compensate for the injured speedster.

With Iselmo, Prasko and Vieri in fine touch Marconi quickly asserted its superiority in midfield and through some great efforts by Jimmy Rooney held territorial advantage. Degney and Barry Jones, Marconi fullbacks, were often used to attack but neither failed to impress.



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Richie Bell completely outplayed Orlerton, while Bertie Mariani did not get a look at the ball in front of goal.

In the 46th minute Rale Rale replaced his new signing Iselmo with Stuart Selva. Iselmo had had a fairly good game and I could not see a spot for Selva in the circumstances. And yet something was sadly missing from Marconi's game, so any change was a welcome one.

In the 50th minute Olympic should have been one up. Dave McIntosh failed to find his team mate with a cross from the left and Degney was left with the simple task of heading back to his keeper. It almost turned into disaster, as Degney's backheader was not strong enough to carry the ball to Maher. Laing pounced onto the ball and faced with only the Marconi keeper, pushed it wide of the upright.

In the 54th minute Jones latched onto a beautiful pass by Vieri, racing into Olympic's penalty area. He failed to go past a defender and the ball bounced for Jankovic who quickly crossed to the near post. Mariani's diving header finished inches of the left upright with Gary Meier well beaten.

Marconi continues to advance and was soon on top again. In the 56th minute Vieri sent a perfect pass for Jones on the right flank. The chance was created and with Jankovic and Mariani completely unattended in front of goal, the Marconi full back should have crossed the ball to his forwards. Instead, he tried his luck from almost on the corner line, missing the crossbar by a mere 8 metres. Obviously upset by the inability of his fullback to press home the advantage created by the great passing shots of Vieri, Rale introduced Sharpe, replacing Mariani, in the 58th minute.

In the 59th minute Vieri found the gap in Olympic's defence sending Jankovic towards Maher. Some 40 metres out, Jankovic raced past Luckett and looked certain to score. With two defenders in pursuit, Jankovic pushed the ball too far, then injured himself trying to retrieve the ball.

Another opportunity went begging and Jankovic was lost for the rest of the game. Only a minute later Olympic had another great opportunity to upset its host. Analle took a corner from the right, Orlerton seemed to have it covered but failed to head the ball away. The ball landed at the feet of McIntosh who went around Jones and with Maher outstretched, shot straight at the keeper.

Sharpe showed no effect of his injury and worried Olympic with his second of the match for the visitors, to lead 2-1.

Then in injury time, City's hard working youngster Barry Kelso jumped well under pressure from Bill Summerscales for a cross by Willie Connor.

Kelso steered a magnificent header past Dando into the corner but Maher ruled he had been pushed and awarded City a penalty.

It was taken by captain Ian Rahall, who attempted to blast it to the right of Dando, but the United keeper capped an outstanding match to deny City the equaliser.

Nugent and his linemen were joined by a police escort as a few angry City supporters jumped the fence with obvious intentions. Up until that point, it had been a fairly lacklustre match.

Denis Ford was a spectator as City took probably their quickest lead in the league when they hit the front after only two and a half minutes, drawing the referee's attention from the sacked coach. "They wouldn't do that for me".

Roberto Schevverle took a free kick when Col Curry handled a Kevin Caldwell cross and the United defence stood flat-footed and allowed Kelso to head in from the six-yard line.

City were naturally spurred on by their unexpected early breakthrough and could have

It is appropriate that the Footscray J.U.S.T. sweeper should play his last game against Fitzroy. Alexander, the club where he spent most of his career.

Krari came to Australia from Greece as a 13-year-old in 1961. He started with the Alexander reserves at the age of 14 and in 1965, at the age of 16, he played his first senior game, alongside Jim Mangopoulos, who is now club president.

However, it was not until 1968 that he firmly established himself in the senior team.

During his 12 years with Alexander, he played about 210 games. He joined J.U.S.T. in 1973 for a transfer fee of \$2000.

Krari has played five games for Victoria locally and was also on Victoria's trip to Noumea some years ago.

In Melbourne, he played for the State team against Santos as

sweeper, against Benfica as a right back and against Australia's Velez Mostar and South Australia in mid-field.

Before the J.U.S.T. v Alexander match on Sunday, J.U.S.T. will make a presentation to Krari in gratitude for his long service to Victorian soccer.

J.U.S.T. is losing not only a fine player but also a very nice guy.

Krari should have missed J.U.S.T.'s game against Brisbane Lions at Middle Park last Sunday, as he had been ill all week with the flu.

Coach Cedo Ciricovic had been making plans to use Zoran Illoski as sweeper, but there was no way you could keep Krari out. Having learned to live with his back injury, he certainly wasn't going to give in to the flu.

It was a nice, leisurely match for the J.U.S.T. men.

They went to a three-goal lead before half time and then coasted to victory without raising much of a sweat.

Of course, their minimal second-half effort gave Brisbane Lions a greater share of the play but they were quite harmless in front of goal — if they ever got that far upfield.

In fact, the J.U.S.T. defenders seemed to get a bit sleepy in the second half, due to the lack of pressure and this resulted in some uncharacteristic mistakes.

Brisbane Lions had played their postponed match against Adelaide Juventus the previous day and the players looked tired.

Only two of them rose above the mediocre — midfielder, Alan Hughes and left back Alan Niven.



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J.U.S.T.'s deadly weapon was left winger Zdravko Lujic who had an excellent game, scoring a goal, having a hand in another and generally terrorising the Lions defence which was powerless to stop him.

In midfield, Andrija Ratic played with distinction and Zoran Illoski fought very hard, played some imaginative through balls into attack and also scored the first goal.

It was Ratic's second game after coming back from a long lay-off due to injury. He had five games last year and two as a substitute before injury forced him out, and he was again struck down after the first two games of this season.

On current form, he should be one of J.U.S.T.'s key players next year.

Illoski opened the scoring in the eighth minute, finishing off an effort by Lujic.

Lujic himself made it 2-0 with a fine lobbed shot into the far top corner in the 25th minute.

A minute from half time, Mike Rujovic headed a cross from Igor Hazabent down to the feet of Joe Plecano who rammed the ball low into the net to make it 3-0 at the interval.

After the break, J.U.S.T. toyed lazily with its opponents, making them chase about all over the place in a vain effort to counter J.U.S.T.'s great ball skill.

Graham Wilson lived up to Lions a little when he replaced Steve Amos just after half time. Indeed, Amos was a bit of a liability, while Wilson managed a breakthrough attack through Paul Laszlo, but Jim Kondarjs ran him down.



A fine J.U.S.T. attack saw Plecano playing a long ball to Lujic who ran from the half line, with only Col Bennett in his way. Lujic played a great angled ball into the middle for Illoski running in, but Niven chased Illoski onto an angle and managed to stop him.

In a brief period of sustained Lions' pressure, Laszlo tried an unsuccessful lob over goalkeeper Dennis Boland from a difficult angle. Hughes missed from 15 metres dead in front and a header by Barrie Fairbrother went over the bar.

In the 77th minute, Dragan Vasic and John Nicolides came on for Rujovic and Plecano.

The move resulted in a goal 10 minutes from the end, while Nicolides slammed the ball home after Vasic had missed Andy Kazi's square pass into the area.

Deans, Perin back,

Juventus improves

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Adelaide City Juventus, with their sights firmly set on the Philips Cup, cast aside the bitter memory of two successive heavy defeats with a fighting 3-2 win over Fitzroy Alexander at Olympic Sports Field.

Juventus recaptured some of the form that had deserted them and their potent attack stretched Alexander to the limit.

Apple Muniz was in incisive form, Dixie Deans looked sharp and Johnny Perin was in a menacing mood.

But Juventus' defence was again full of gaping holes. Having conceded 12 goals in their last three games, Juventus will have to tighten up considerably as they prepare to front up to West Adelaide on Sunday, in what has all the signs of being the grudge match of the year.

Despite their good win against Alexander, there were times when Juventus looked lethargic.

The first 15 minutes produced little to talk about and it wasn't until the 21st minute when a Muniz shot into the off post that the game lifted.

Gary Marocci followed that up with a close-range shot over the bar and Fred Yung hit the post with a pleyder.

Alexander, who did little in the first half to justify their reputation, were sharper after the break and within a minute, Peter Marshall blocked a powerful cross Campbell shot with his feet.

But Juventus went further ahead with a great 58th minute goal by Perin.

Perin headed brilliantly from 10 metres, Alexander keeper Jim Marner made a superb reflex save but the ball went to Muniz who flicked it across goal and Perin slipped it over the line.

However, Alexander reduced the deficit with a superb 70th minute header from Gary Cole who beat Marshall the moment he connected with Bannon's cross.

Muniz restored Juventus' two goal advantage when Deane flicked a pass into Muniz's path and he slammed a 15-metre shot past Marner.

Alexander, despite their lack of incentive to fight, again got within a goal of Juventus when Bannon steered home a ground shot in the 89th minute.

Coach John Margerita was not overjoyed with the result but Alexander will be a big threat to Hakoah — the other favorite for the Philips Cup.

Meanwhile, Juventus showed their defeat to South Melbourne (5-0) and particularly Brisbane Lions (4-1) were largely out of character.

If they can overcome Essendon Croatia, the Philips Cup may yet come to South Australia for the first time.

Scrapped goal to give penalty

By Bruce Waddell

Referee Dave Nugent had to best a hasty retreat from Perry Park when Newcastle United downed Brisbane City 2-1 in a match which ended with a sensational last five minutes.

The match was deadlocked at 1-1 with only three minutes to go when Newcastle's impish centre forward Ken Boden gained possession and split the defence with a perfect long, floating pass.

City were pushing up in attack and United centre half Roy Drinkwater raced clear but was fouled by Kim Wharrie as he tried to round the desperate City keeper.

Boden scored from the spot, his second of the match for the visitors, to lead 2-1.

Then in injury time, City's hard working youngster Barry Kelso jumped well under pressure from Bill Summerscales for a cross by Willie Connor.

Kelso steered a magnificent header past Dando into the corner but Maher ruled he had been pushed and awarded City a penalty.

It was taken by captain Ian Rahall, who attempted to blast it to the right of Dando, but the United keeper capped an outstanding match to deny City the equaliser.

Nugent and his linemen were joined by a police escort as a few angry City supporters jumped the fence with obvious intentions. Up until that point, it had been a fairly lacklustre match.

Denis Ford was a spectator as City took probably their quickest lead in the league when they hit the front after only two and a half minutes, drawing the referee's attention from the sacked coach. "They wouldn't do that for me".

Roberto Schevverle took a free kick when Col Curry handled a Kevin Caldwell cross and the United defence stood flat-footed and allowed Kelso to head in from the six-yard line.

City were naturally spurred on by their unexpected early breakthrough and could have

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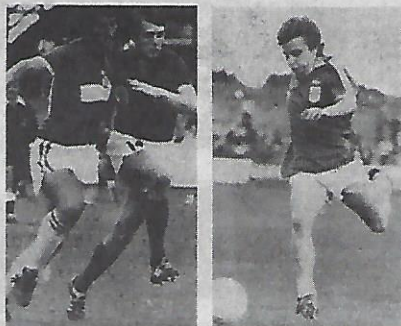
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Lujic rates as his toughest Australian opponents George Campbell (right) of South Melbourne Hellas and Marconi's Berti Mariani who is pictured (left) doing battle with Igor Hazabent who joined J.U.S.T. from Yugoslavia at the same time Lujic did.

Tackle by Vogts put Lujic out 6 months

By KYLE PATTERSON

Robust West German international full back Berti Vogts is one of the most feared men in world soccer. Just ask Footscray J.U.S.T. star Zdravko Lujic!

The Borussia Mönchengladbach captain has destroyed the morale of many opponents over the years, including superstars.

Vogts' most significant shacking job was done in the 1974 World Cup final for West Germany against Holland, when he blotted out Dutch ace John Cruyff.

Lujic is one of the many to feel Berti's bite. In fact, Vogts put Lujic out of soccer for six months!

Lujic was playing for Novi Sad of Yugoslavia in a cup game against Mönchengladbach when he suffered a serious hip injury after a bone-crushing tackle by Vogts.

That Vogts tackle did more than just hurt Lujic. It virtually ended his career as a professional in Yugoslav soccer. After recovering from the injury, he couldn't regain his place in the Novi Sad team. As a result, he turned to Australian soccer for a fresh start.

Lujic came to Australia in May along with Igor Hazabent. His displays for J.U.S.T. have been consistent and often outstanding. Coach Cedo Cirkovic realises Lujic's vast ability and has used him at full back, in mid-field and on the wing on the left side this season.

Lujic doesn't speak English but with the help of workmate and friend Steve Rok, who acted as interpreter, I was able to ask the J.U.S.T. star a few questions at Continental Upholstery, where he works.

Q. Zdravko, are you enjoying your stay in Australia?

A. "I'm settling in well but going to a country where you don't speak the language always makes things difficult. The more people I get to know, the easier it becomes. I'm slowly settling in."

Q. How long do you intend to stay in this country?

A. "That all depends on the club. My contract is until the end of the year, but there's a two-year option after that. I'd like to stay if there is a future for me in Australia."

"I'd like to be able to play for the national team, so I'd have something to

decision is made about staying in Australia, the club must be happy with my form and I must be happy with the financial arrangements."

Q. What's your impression of Australian soccer?

A. "The standard is like second grade in Europe. It's not great but I was impressed by the enthusiasm of the youngsters. Soccer seems to be on the way up."

Q. How many games did you play for Novi Sad?

A. "Around 20 times in



German full back Berti Vogts (right) of Mönchengladbach, tackles an opponent. It was Vogts who inflicted the injury that kept Zdravko Lujic out of soccer for six months.

the first team. Before joining that club, I played as a junior with Sloboda of Tuzia.

Q. Which position did you play?

A. "I was always a left winger and that's the position I prefer. At J.U.S.T. I've been moved around a bit but that doesn't worry me. I've been used to fill in gaps in the team, which is fair enough."

Q. J.U.S.T. has gone downhill lately. What's the problem?

A. "A team that's not winning games has plenty of problems. I find that lately, our team has panicked when we have scored first, which is strange. That could be put down to lack of confidence but we don't keep on pressuring opponents after taking the lead, which is why we haven't won many games."

Q. Which players have caught your eye since coming to Australia?

Zdravko Lujic seen through the camera of SAM BELFONTE, from top: getting away from a Western Suburbs opponent; pursued by Theo Solemidis of Alexander; tackled by Hakoah's Kevin Mullen; crashing through a challenge; getting clear, with Joe Thompson (Hakoah) chasing; squeezing between Dave Hording (left) and Peter Stone of Western Suburbs.



is a strong player, and Campbell of Hellas is a very good player. He's a real tiger on the field."

Q. And what about in Yugoslavia? Were there any outstanding players at Novi Sad?

A. "Yes. We had three players — Sillar, the goalkeeper, Nikezic and Ivezic — in the Yugoslav national team."

Lujic is definitely a player of class. He's extremely versatile, although he relies a lot on his left foot when passing or shooting. However, he has very good ball control and reads the game well. He made his mark a few weeks after arriving, gaining selection to the Victorian squad for the game against Dundee.

A goal he scored for J.U.S.T. against Hakoah-East in Sydney has been selected as one of the goals of the year by TV programme 'Phillips Top Soccer'.

screened many times, showing Lujic collect a flick on from Joe Piccone near the half way line, running into the penalty area past two of the best defenders in Australia — Eddie Thompson and Steve O'Connor — then sending goalkeeper Todd Clarke the wrong way as he shoots the ball high into the net.



Yugoslav international Petar Nikezic, one of Lujic's team mates at Novi Sad.



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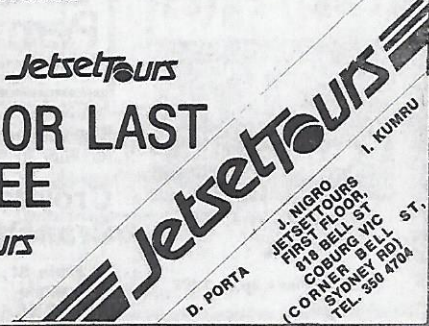
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From the Thirds: a star!

Croydon's lethal goalgetter Roy Hamilton had an inauspicious start with the club.

The lanky Irishman, who's scored more than 20 goals this season, first played with the club in the third team, midway through last season.

Hamilton arrived in Australia last year but it wasn't until he'd been in the area for some months that he rolled up at Croydon and asked for a game.

The third team is run on a social basis more than anything else, so Hamilton, who had played at centre half in the thirds, approached Mike Plunkett about having a run with the reserve team.

Plunkett watched Hamilton play in the third team and agreed to give him a go with the seconds.

An injury to the regular reserve team centre forward created a vacancy that Hamilton was elected to fill because he'd played in that position before.

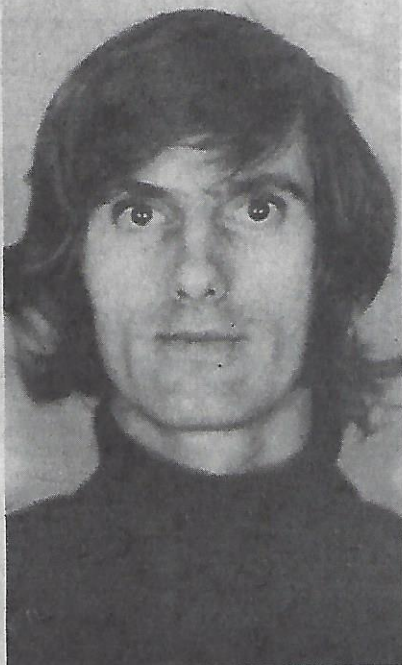
He scored three goals!

The next week he scored another three goals.

"I thought he must have been lucky or fluked the goals," said Plunkett. But when Hamilton scored two more goals the following week, everyone in the club sat up and took notice.

The following week, Hamilton was selected to the first team, where he played for the remainder of the season.

The club is now a bit embarrassed that it sent Hamilton to the thirds when he first came, but is glad it didn't lose the prolific scorer altogether.



Croydon's top goalscorer, Roy Hamilton — came from Northern Ireland last year. Deadly in the air.

Squad cost \$20,000

Croydon is estimated to have spent about \$20,000 assembling its squad this year.

However, the cost has been largely offset by the development of a thriving social clubroom, completed late last year.

The club has had increased membership this season, thanks mainly to the collapse of Mooroolbark Utd and ambitious planning by the committee, so Croydon's \$20,000 investment has paid dividends.

The players brought to Croydon this season are—Pat Lowrey (from Mooroolbark), Alan Pongho (from Mooroolbark), Mick Sinclair (from Mooroolbark), Steve McCombe (from Slavia), Duncan Smith (from East Fife), Jimmy Spink (from Forfar Athletic), Joe Tront (from Fitzroy Alexander), Paul Davies (from U.K.) and Stuart Fowler (from Melbourne).

CROYDON ISSUE A

Kyle Patterson

First Division champion Croydon City has sounded a warning to Victorian State League top dog Essendon Croatia — don't be so sure you're going to win all the honors this season!

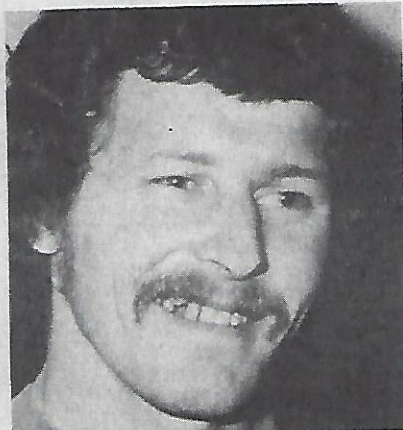
After achieving its main objective — promotion to the State League — Croydon is now looking towards capping off the season by taking the Federation and Dockerty Cups, a feat of which the club's star-studded line-up is capable.

The confident eastern suburban outfit has been angered by the taunts of Frank Burlin, the manager of Croatia, who complained in the Press that his team didn't face any competition for Victoria's major soccer honors.

Croydon and Croatia have been crushing all opponents, but their paths have yet to cross. However, Croydon coach Mike Plunkett disagrees that Croatia has all the honors in the bag.

"I'm not making any predictions that we'll beat them," he said, "but we'd give them a game. They think they haven't got any competition, but I reckon Croydon can provide it."

"We're in the semi-finals of the Dockerty Cup, and although we'd like to avoid Croatia until the final, the lads will be going like hell whoever we play."



Centre back Steve McCombe — former State squad member bought from Slavia this year for \$3000.

The morale of the players is very high at the moment and they all are desperate to play at Olympic Park in the Dockerty Cup final.

Plunkett's attitude typifies the feeling within the Croydon club.

After building up slowly over the years in Metropolitan League ranks, the club is ready to stand up and let the other big teams know that Croydon means business.

The club's assault on the State League has been carefully planned

and the optimism of the supporters is justified. The present Croydon team would be one of the best ever outside State League ranks and victories over Makedonia and Hakoah, which are in the top league, prove that Croydon is a force to be reckoned with.

Plunkett is in his second season as coach of Croydon. The former Mooroolbark and Ringwood City defender was given the job of building a team that would

lift the club into the State League.

Croydon's spending spree on players brought criticism that the club was 'buying' promotion, but Plunkett was aware it would take more than a handful of star players.

"Our main worry was complacency," he said, "it would've been easy for the players to start expecting to win every game, instead of working for it, but fortunately the boys were tremendous. My biggest task is getting them to approach the game correctly. So far, they have responded."

When Plunkett sat down with the club committee at the start of the year to discuss the recruiting programme, they thought the task of getting the right players would be a lot harder than it actually turned out to be.

"Luckily for us," said Mike, "Mooroolbark went bad. That gave us Alan Pongho, Pat Lowrey and Mike Sinclair. Later we got Steve McCombe because he was a friend of Charlie Murphy's and the two Scottish lads, Jimmy Spink and Duncan Smith, on strong recommendations."

"However, we didn't buy the players just because they were available," said Mike. "If the player suited us and it was financially safe, we bought him, but if I went to the committee and said: 'I

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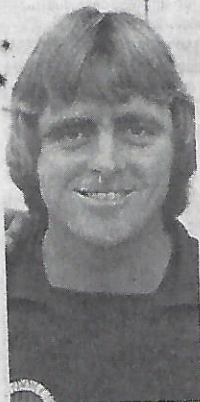
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Charlie Murphy, midfielder who joined Croydon from Slavia last year.



Steward Fowler, winger who joined this year from Melbourne. His father, Tommy Fowler, played in Melbourne's 1967 Australia Cup winning team.



Croydon coach Mike Plunkett (left) gives Steve McCombe pre-match instructions.



Mick Edwards, goalkeeper, joined Croydon in 1971 and became No. 1 goalie three seasons ago.



Alan Pongho, switched over from Mooroolbark early this year and plays as sweeper.



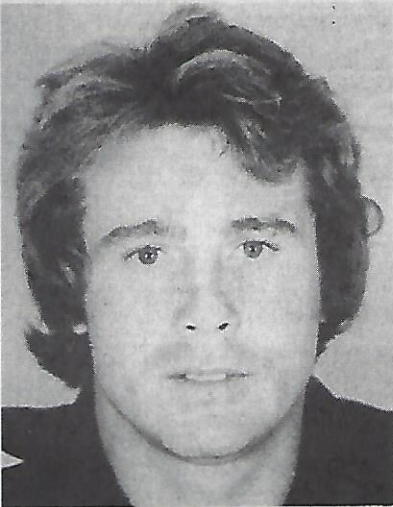
Joe Tront — joined Mooroolbark in 1976 from Scotland and transferred to Alexander last year for \$5000. Switched to Croydon mid-season. A classy midfielder.



Tommy Kelly, joined Croydon in 1974 from Ringwood United and plays as a full back.

THE CHAMPS WARNING

Appearances and scorers



Pat Lowrey, highly experienced player who was with Sunderland in England, then joined Western Suburbs (Sydney) from where he switched to Mooroolbark and then to Croydon early this year.

"The team spirit is absolutely great," he said. "There's rivalry for positions, but everyone accepts it. We've got guys on the bench who'd walk into any other First Division team but they're happy to wait for their chance to get a regular spot." But not all the players have been happy.



Jim Wylie — one of the best left wingers in Victoria. Joined Croydon in 1971 after a season with Ringwood City.

"Three players — Mick Lynn, Geoff Gerrish and Dick Ward — have left us this season," said Plunkett. "Lynn was upset because he went to England for a holiday, and expected his position to be waiting for him when he got back. But I haven't put one new player straight into the team this year. Everyone has to wait until there's an opening. He's with Dandenong now."

which shows our club spirit."

Plunkett said there weren't many difficulties associated with getting the players to adjust to each other (Croydon has nine players who've been at the club less than a year), and denied that the team was built around one or two players.

"The players have virtually taken it in turns to play well," he said. "I couldn't point at one player and say he was the reason for our success. Sure, Pat Lowrey takes all the free kicks and corners, but that's only because he hits the ball so well. All the lads deserve credit."

We are yet to see the best of the Croydon team. The First Division, while not exactly a pushover, hasn't tested the team. The clash of Croydon City and Essendon Croatia — if it eventuates this season — should be a good indication of the class of the easterners.

And what of next year, the club's first in top flight company?

"We haven't thought too much about next year," said Mike. "The next season will look after itself, but we certainly will not be sitting around."

"There's a big gap between the First Division and the State League, and we can't presume that we'll do well in the higher grade."

"There are a couple of players who we would like to strengthen our squad, and we'll be having our training facilities improved. I certainly don't want to finish near the bottom next year. Mid-table would be alright, and in the top four even better, but it will not be easy."

When Croydon City beat Dandenong at Booth Reserve at the weekend it was the club's 24th victory of the season. The two goals scored in that game took the team's tally for the year to 72.

Full details and match results are —

OPPONENT	SCORE	VENUE	COMPETITION	SCORERS
Knox City	3-1	Croydon P.	Cambarland Cup	Hamilton, Pongho, C. Kelly
Box Hill	4-1	Wembley P.	Cambarland Cup	Lowrey 2, Hamilton pas., Murphy
Park Rangers	4-1	Croydon P.	Cambarland Cup	Lowrey, Lynn, Hamilton, Gerrish
Doncaster Rev.	2-2	Croydon P.	Cambarland Cup	Lowrey, Gerrish
(Croydon won 8-7 on penalties)				
Springvale	1-0	Sixth Ave.	Cambarland Cup	Lowrey
Central A.H.	1-0	Croydon P.	Dockery Cup	McCombe
Makedonia	1-0	Sixth Ave.	Dockery Cup	Wyllie
West. Subs.	3-1	Wembley P.	Cum. Cup final	Hamilton 3
Hakoah	1-0	Sixth Ave.	Dockery Cup	Hamilton 2
West. Subs.	2-1	Ralph Res.	First div.	Hamilton
Polonia	1-0	Croydon P.	First div.	Hamilton 2, McCombe, Wyllie
Coltwood	4-1	Croydon P.	First div.	Wyllie 2, Smith, Murphy
Doveton	4-1	Warratah R.	First div.	Hamilton, McCombe, Lowrey, C. Kelly
Springvale	4-0	Croydon P.	First div.	Wyllie, Wylie, C. Kelly, Lowrey
Austria	4-0	Croydon P.	First div.	Wyllie, Hamilton, Lowrey
Ardeer	3-1	Croydon P.	First div.	Hamilton
Box Hill	1-3	Wembley P.	First div.	Wyllie
Dandenong	1-0	Croydon P.	First div.	Wyllie, Wylie, Lowrey
Waverley	3-3	Sixth Ave.	First div.	Wyllie 2, Murphy, Hamilton, Lowrey
Keller City	5-0	Croydon P.	First div.	Lowrey
West. Subs.	1-1	Croydon P.	First div.	Hamilton
Polonia	1-0	Maribaug	First div.	Hamilton 2, Tront, Wylie
Coltwood	4-2	Yamhill Res.	First div.	Hamilton 2, Lowrey
Doveton	3-1	Croydon P.	First div.	Hamilton, Lowrey, Smith
Springvale	0-1	Ross Res.	First div.	Hamilton, McCombe, Tront
Austria	3-0	Croydon P.	First div.	Wyllie 2, Lowrey 2, McCombe
Ardeer	3-1	Helene St.	First div.	Hamilton, Tront
Box Hill	5-0	Croydon P.	First div.	
Dandenong	2-0	Booth Res.	First div.	

Top goalscorers:

	League	Cup	Total
Hamilton	18	7	25
Lowrey	10	5	15
Wyllie	12	1	13
McCombe	5	1	6
C. Kelly	2	1	3
Tront	3	—	3

Number of games with additional appearances as substitute in brackets:

20. McCombe, T. Kelly, Lowrey, Hamilton, Wyllie; 18. Edwards; 17. Pongho (1), Smith (2), Murphy (2); 12. C. Kelly (3), Sinclair (2); 8. Spink (1), Tront; 6. Blacker (1); 3. Ward; 2. Lawton (1); also Brown (5), Gerrish (3), Fowler (2) and Lynn (1).



Jim Blacker, all-rounder, who joined from Makedonia last year.



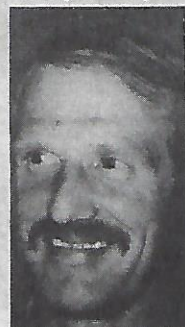
Mick Sinclair, another former Mooroolbark player who came to Croydon last year. Plays in defence.



Cameron Stirling, played junior football in South Australia and impressed when he joined this year.



Mark Brown, product of the Croydon Juniors, represented Victoria in the Under 18s and under 18s. Full back or midfield.



Jim Howie, all-rounder who came from Melbourne in 1972.



Paul Davies, promising young midfielder who came from the U.K. this year.

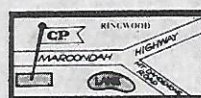
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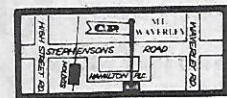
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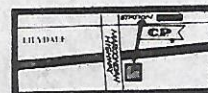
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2 Cain (Gully)
2 Hoson (Juve)
1 Patten (Gully)
FRANKSTON v GEORGE CROSS
3 Paparas (Geo)
2 Wilkinson (Geo)
1 Williamson (Frank)
SLAVIA v CROATIA
3 Zvendorn (Slavia)
2 Cumming (Cro)
1 Short (Slavia)
ALTONA v ALBION
3 Little (Alb)
2 Mitten (Alb)
1 Blair (Alb)
RINGWOOD v MAKEDONIA
3 McClymont (Mak)
2 Carnaby (Ring)
1 Pasman (Ring)
Progressive voting:
21 Zvendorn (Slavia)
16 Cumming (Cro), Short (Cro)

SLAVIA (Hak)
15 Whiteside (Hak)
14 Cain (Gully), McClymont (Mak), 13 Bernard (Mak), Carnaby (Ring)
12 Coulson (Ring), Kerr (Cro), Gardiner (Cro), Reed (Geo)
11 van der Poel (Alb), McCarthy (Gully)
8 Williams (Slavia), Brown (Alb), Krncevic (Cro), Mitten (Alb), Paparas (Geo)
9 Kokoska (Cro), Irvine (Franka), Dixey (Suns), Blair (Hak)
7 Denys (Ajax), Sabidussi (Juve), Walker (Juve), Leabire (Mak), Lowe (Suns), Banagan (Suns), Patten (Slavia), Clary (Hak), Hoson (Juve)
6 Taylor (Alb), Murphy (Cro), MacGregor (Frank), Adams (Frank), Mitaud (Geo), Cullen (Geo), Wilding (Ring), D Nelson (Suns), Watters (Alb), Banovic (Cro), R Nelson (Suns), Watkins (Geo), Glenon (Juve), Leabire (Mak), Little (Alb), Thompson (Ajax), Train (Slavia), Petrovski (Mak), Ellis (Suns), C. Lucchesi (Juve), Davidson (Alb), Carr (Gully), Mussel (Suns), Clarke (Slavia)
Leading goalscorers:
15 Patten (Slavia)
11 Cumming (Cro), Clary (Hak)
10 McClymont (Suns)
9 Reed (Geo), D Nelson (Suns)
8 Segi (Gully), Krncevic (Cro), 6 Vojtek (Cro), MacGregor (Frank), C. Lucchesi (Juve), Tribuzio (Gully), McCormack (Alb), Luyten (Ring), Paparas (Geo), Pocock (Suns)
8 Glenon (Mak), Eddie (Frank), Bernard (Mak), Brown (Alb), Cullen (Geo), Murphy (Cro), Carr (Gully), McIntyre (Alb), Mitten (Alb)
4 Craig (Hak), Taylor (Alb), Kerr (Cro), Webster (Frank), Gilder (Cro)

SLAVIA v PATON CRUSH CROATIA!

SLAVIA 2 (Paton pen, 67th min., 89th min) ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Cumming 30th min.)

SLAVIA: Clarke 8, Train 8, Zvendorn 9, Tuft 7, Thompson 7, Whiteside 8, Short 9, Pye 6 (Turner 70th min), Goch 6, Paton 6, Aldridge 6.
CROATIA: Banovic 7, Smart 7, Kokoska 6, Gardiner 6, Blavier 6, Lessan 6, Andrews 7, Kerr 8, Vojtek 6 (Gilder 75th min), Murphy 6, Cumming 5.
Slavia robbed Croatia of the chance of sealing the State League championship, by beating the State League leaders 2-1.
Because of the defeat, Croatia's third season, its title-winning celebrations will have to wait until at least this weekend, when victory will clinch the premiership.
However, Slavia had plenty of things to celebrate. Not only had the club beaten the league leaders with a makeshift team, but had also won back its place in the final four.
On top of that, Jim Paton scored two goals and looks certain to now finish top goalscorer in the league and John Zvendorn again played exceptionally well, to earn three votes and a big lead in 'Goal Action's' player of the Year award.
To add further celebrations, Slavia's Irish midfielder Chris Whiteside got carried the day before the game!

Slavia faced a strong breeze in the first half, and struggled to make any headway until just before half time.
Slavia stayed in the game because of excellent defensive play by Zvendorn and Train, and hard grafting work of Whiteside and Short in the midfield.
It took an error by Frank Thompson to give Croatia the lead. Under pressure, he passed the ball back to Clarke, only to see Cumming nip in and divert the ball into the net.
Slavia lifted itself after conceding the goal, and came into the game more.
Twice Slavia broke out of defence, but poor final passes by Paton, and then Aldridge saw the moves come to nothing.
However, Croatia was easily on top in the first half. Although the team faded after the fluent start, Croatia had the measure of the Slavia forwards and command of the midfield play.
The second half was one of the

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best 45 minutes of soccer I've seen in the State League this season.

Play was fast and open, with Slavia showing the early initiative. With Croatia's grip on the midfield slipping, Slavia came into the game.
A feature of Slavia's attacks was the way Zvendorn or Short would break down a Croatia attack, then surge forward and launch passes. Aldridge was the target of many of these and he was unlucky not to be rewarded with a goal.
Train was steady as a rock at full back and Whiteside was a dynamo in the middle of the park.
For Croatia, Blavier overlapped at every opportunity and Gardner continued to organise the side from the back.
However, as the game progressed, it became obvious that the Croatia forward line was not functioning. With the exception of

Cumming, the forwards lacked fire and penetration.

Paton equalised from the penalty spot, and the game took a twist.
The Croatia players became slack in defence for a patch and Paton brought a good save from Banovic in the 68th minute.
Later, Turner's low shot was pushed just wide by Banovic, and Whiteside missed narrowly after a good knock in by Aldridge.
As the last 10 minutes approached, play was hectic as both sides looked for a winner. It was hell for leather, but fortunately, play didn't become sputiful.
Blavier moved up the flank, and had a long range shot tipped over by Clarke.
However, in the dying stages, Paton did the trick. The former Queens Park (Scotland) striker had done little during the game but proved to be a match winner.

Essendon Cup game Sept. 17

The Essendon Croatia v Adelaide Juventus Phillips Cup match has been set for 3 pm on Sunday, September 17, at Olympic Park.

The other Cup quarter finals are:

Newcastle KB Utd. v Western Suburbs, International Sports Centre, Sunday, September 3, 3 pm.

Brisbane City v Hakoah-Easts, Perry Park, Sunday, September 24, 3 pm.

Canberra v Fitzroy Alexander, Bruce Stadium, Sunday, September 24, 2 pm or 3 pm.

In the semi-finals, the winner of the Brisbane City v Hakoah match will meet the winner of the Newcastle v Western Suburbs match, and the winner of the Canberra v Alexander clash will meet either Essendon Croatia or Adelaide Juventus.

Juventus ends Gully's hopes

JUVENTUS 2 (Walker 14th min., Smith pen, 38th min.) GREEN GULLY 0.

JUVE: Terzini, Della Rocca, Walker, Pfister, Symington, Sannipeli (B Sabidussi 74th), C. Smith, C. Lucchesi, Watkins, J. Lucchesi, Hoson.
GULLY: Denys, Donaldson, Patten, Cain, Kian, McCarthy, Daniels, Thomson, Segi, Tribuzio (L. Smith 59th), Carr (sent off 61st).
Green Gully blew whatever chance they had of making the final four with a poor performance against Juventus on a badly cut-up Olympic Park on Sunday.
Juve were disappointing, being content to contain and relying heavily on wing wizards John Hoson and Mick Watkins for goalscoring attempts.
The busiest man on the field was referee Michael Daley, who took a very hard line, booking Pfister, Symington, and Daniels and sending off Carr for disputing his decisions.

Walker also went into the book for a foul on Carr.
Juventus drafted centre forward John Lucchesi into the line-up, Tony Curcio following the previous week's drubbing against Albion. Gully were down to a bare squad of 11 again as both Vessallo and Smith had recurrences of their injuries midway.
Smith replaced Tribuzio in the second half, but failed to make an impression on the game.
Gully's best chance came after only six minutes when Lee Thomson pushed a through ball to Gerry Tribuzio, but the latter a shot was central and Terzini, sprawling, was able to block it.
Hoson had a good game and frustrated Gully fullback Peter Donaldson with his close control.
The winger had a hand in both Juve's goals.
In the 14th minute he won a corner of John Cain and his kick found Steve Walker lurking unmarked to head home his first goal of the season.
And towards the end of the half Donaldson floored him in the area to give Juventus a penalty from which Charlie Smith's simple but accurate spot kick just inside the right hand post gave Juve no chance.
In between the goals, Ajax came up against a brick wall, incessantly pumping high balls at Tribuzio and Carr, which were dealt with capably by Juve's central defenders Walker and Pfister.
Nigel Daniels had a shot smothered by Terzini and Cain came close when he caught an attempted clearance, but his volleyed shot was headed off the line by Jim Sammitale.
Cain was one of the few players to show some heart for Gully. He

Last-minute equaliser

ALTONA 3 (Gramsbergen, Little, Gambin) ALBION LEYLAND 3 (Quinn, Greechan, Mitten pen.).

ALTONA: van der Poel, Lewis, Kelly, Gramsbergen, Plessa, Brown (Wilson), Watters, Akers, Davidson, Little, Taylor (Gambin).
ALBION: Oliver, Campbell, Blair, McCluskey, Nisbet, Davidson, Greechan, McCormack, Quinn, (Bentley), McIntyre.
After being the State League's 'bergain basement' team for so long, Albion Leyland came within two minutes of punning down the holders of bottom spot, Altona City.
It was in the last few minutes of the game that substitute Martin Gambin screwed a dipping left foot shot over keeper Jeff Oliver to tie the scores at 3-3. If Altona hadn't scored that vital last goal, the task of getting off the bottom of the ladder would've required a super-human effort.
As it turned out, Altona, Albion

Disco for Green

Albion Leyland will have a benefit dance at its Selwyn Park clubrooms on September 5 to raise money for goalkeeper Jim Green who broke a leg two weeks ago.

Tickets at \$7 a double are available from any of the Albion players or at the door.
It will be a disco night run by the club's DJ Tony Kennedy.

They all want their cash

FRANKSTON CITY 0 GEORGE CROSS 2 (Papas 2)

Enough said.
George Cross' winger Jim Papas repeated the feat he achieved a few weeks ago by scoring two goals. The win gives George Cross a slim chance of making the top four.
Billy Wilkinson, the engineer of the Cross' defence played a controlled game in midfield.
Needless to say, Frankston had cause to be disappointed. Because of the forwards' inability to hold the ball and the midfield's non-existence, the Frankston back four was under almost constant pressure.
Ian Williamson and Sandy Irvine did well and Frankston made several good saves in goal.

Big Greek series on Sunday

The Association of Greek Youth Clubs will have a soccer tournament at the Middle Park outside grounds from 10am on Sunday.

Fifteen teams will compete for a Cup currently held by Clayton Youth Club.
Games will be of 20 minute halves. Finals will be 30 minutes each way.
The competing teams are: Greek Corner, Latrobe University Hellenic, St Albans Hellenic, Swinburne Greek Club, Goya, Pelops Youth Club, Caspeliopolis, Clayton Greek Youth Club, Monash University, Lefcabinas, Pan-Macedonian, Cretans, Pan-Samlans, Prespa Youth Club and Melbourne University.

Kosmina gets his chance

Australia's John Kosmina has made his debut for the Arsenal senior team in England.

Kosmina replaced Malcolm Macdonald during a friendly game against Celtic and set up two goals.
He also played for Arsenal against Borussia Dortmund in West Germany in a friendly game.
Kosmina, originally with Polonia Adelaide, played for West Adelaide Hellas in the PSL last year, and was in Australia's World Cup team.

Rothmans goalie of the week

PAUL WILDING of Ringwood City is the Rothmans goalkeeper of the week. The leading keeper will receive \$250 at the end of the season. Progressive votes — 5 Whiteside (Hak) 3 van der Poel (Alb), Wilding (Ring) 2, Leabire (Mak) 1 Schollen (Suns), Denys (Gully), Banovic (Cro), Peterson (Franka), Clarke (Slavia).

State League team of week

WILDING (3) (Ring)
ZVENDORN (7) (Slavia)
BLAIR (3) (Hak)
LITTLE (1) (Alb)
PASMAN (1) (Ring)
MCCLYMONT (3) (Mak)
CUMMING (5) (Cro)
CAIN (3) (Gully)
YENDORN (7) (Slavia)
BLAIR (3) (Hak)
LITTLE (1) (Alb)
PASMAN (1) (Ring)
MCCLYMONT (3) (Mak)
CUMMING (5) (Cro)

Player of the week

STUART BLAIR of Hakoah is the player of the week. He wins a dinner for two at Nickleby's of Carlton.

This week's games

SATURDAY
Essendon-Croatia v Sunshine City (Olympic Park).
SUNDAY
Altona City v Prahran Slavia (Kim Reserve).
Hakoah St. Kilda v Ringwood City (Middle Park).
Preston-Makedonia v Frankston City (B.T. Connor Res.)
George Cross v Juventus (Partridge Res., Lalor).
Albion Leyland v Green Gully (Selwyn Park, Sunshine).

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Hakoah 4th

SUNSHINE 1 (Pocock) HAKOAH 4 (Rooney 2, Jordanou, Claryou).

SUNSHINE: Stichtlen, Dixey, Lowe, Ellis, Howe, Banagan, Mussel (Nierobisz), R. Nelson, Laing (McRobert), Pocock, D. Nelson.
HAKOAH: Whiteside, Owens, Baker, Valli, Blair, Jordanou, Gibson, Clary, French, Rooney.
Sunshine City, which uncharacteristically surrendered against Hakoah, now faces the daunting task of having to beat league leaders Croatia this week if it is to keep alive hopes of reaching the final four.
Sean Rooney grabbed two goals for Hakoah in the opening 20 minutes Sunshine's renowned fighting qualities were not to be seen and Bill Jordanou made it 4-0 before the interval, to lift Hakoah into fourth place.
Ray Pocock made it 3-1 in the 64th minute, but Mike Claryou put the lead beyond doubt, scoring Hakoah's fourth goal.
Winger Dave Nelson had a nightmare day, missing several good chances, but even if he had converted, Hakoah looked good enough to withstand any late assault.
Sunshine coach Bill Walling replaced Will Laing and Lang Mussel with George Nierobisz and Jim McRobert at half time and although there was improvement in the second half, Sunshine never sparkled.

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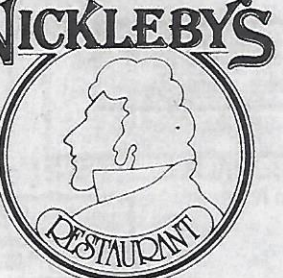
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Makedonia was saved from defeat by a last minute goal from state representative Bill McClymont, who scored with a great diving header.

Earlier Ringwood had taken the lead when player/coach Brian Carr scored the ball in after Peter Laumets had failed to clear.

Despite taking a point from the game, Ringwood still has a chance of finishing in last place, but club president John van Hoboken, who now has a hand in team selection and pre-match addresses to players, is adamant Ringwood will escape relegation.
"We've now got some fighting

spirit into the team," he said, "and I expect us to win at least two of our last four games."

Ringwood's defence played well, with Don Pasman and Carnaby outstanding. However, Makedonia hit the post twice through shots by Chris Glenon and Jeff Fawkes, and had George McMillan continuing his goal drought.

McMillan is anxious to score, but seems to hesitate when in good position.

McClymont and Beech were Makedonia's best players but the Preston team couldn't turn its promising attacking moves into goals.

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A winner . . . Steve Perry (Brisbane City) heading clear in front of Duncan Cummings (SM-Hellas).



The legendary Branko Buljevic (left) outsmarts his former Soccerroo team-mate George Harris of St. George.

Seeking winners' men of stature. . .

Who are Australia's most consistently outstanding club players?

New national coach RUDI GUTENDORF says that they are the players who will do battle for Australia in the next World Cup campaign.

Bennett (Bris L), **Stevenson**, **Barnes** and **Mullen** (Hakoah), **Clive Eaton** (West), **George Campbell** (S.Melb.), **Cole**, **Buljevic** (Fitzroy), **Boden** (Newcastle), **Degney** and **Rooney** (Mar-

con), **Perry** (Bris. C.), **O'Connor** (St. George), **Crook**, **McCahey** and **Boyle** (West Ad.) and **J. Nykohus** (A. City).

These have been the form players of the current Phillips League season from among those eligible to play for Australia.

Many of them have yet to play in a full international. It will be interesting to see whether Gutendorf carries out his vow to go for in-form players and if he sticks with it during the World Cup campaign itself.

Previously, coach **Jim Shoulder** stuck to his original selections and ignored club form because he believed class players would lift their game when they put on an Australian shirt.

Rooney and **Buljevic** are reaching the veteran stage now, but both are supremely fit and dedicated professionals whose experience would be invaluable in pressure competition.

The omission of **Buljevic** was one of **Shoulder's** graver selection errors during his national team reign.

Player selection is the factor that makes or breaks a national coach.

The club coach must concern himself with physical fitness, development of individual skills and motivation.

They are not problems that should greatly trouble a national coach.



MIKE JOHNSON.

Picking his players, putting them in to the correct positions, choosing the right team style and using the correct tactics — that is what national team coaching is about.

Mental preparation can never be ignored but the national coach should seek players who are self-motivated — in other words, who are winners.

Winners have winning attitudes. They are 'big' in the total sense of the word.

The 1974 successful World Cup team had many such players in its ranks: **Relly**, **Schaefer**, **Watkins**, **Utesenovic**, **Warren**, **Mackay**, **Rooney**, **Buljevic**, **Wilson**, **Richards**.

Jim Shoulder's squad was not so well endowed, though **Col Bennett** and **Murray Barnes** benefited from their baptism of fire, as did **John Nykohus**, while the exciting **Peter Sharpe** was allowed to dip his toe into the world cup cauldron.

It is the 'big' players that Gutendorf will be looking for — men of stature and talent with the imagination and the confidence to see Australia mixing with the world's best in Spain in 1982.



Clive Eaton (Western Suburbs) — top scorer.



Col Bennett (Brisbane Lions) — top defender.



Phil O'Connor (St. George) — a "big" player in every sense.

Boys need more help from stars: Mc Carthy

One of the best club newspapers in Australia, the "Gully Gazette" of Victorian State League club Green Gully Ajax, last week saluted one of Victoria's all-time greats, **Ian McCarthy**.

McCarthy, 32, has played more than 200 games in 10 seasons during which he served Essendon Lions, Melbourne, Sunshine City and now Ajax.

In an interview with "Gully Gazette" editor **Peter Desira**, **McCarthy** calls on senior players to give more help and encouragement to juniors.

He says: "The older players don't seem to pass on advice as much as they should and clubs make the seconds feel they're not wanted at times."

"A good number of players have missed out

on senior soccer because coaches have been frightened to give youngsters a go."

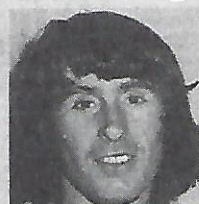
They are wise words, spoken by a man who has been around long enough to know.

And because **McCarthy** has been around for so long, **Desira** asked him to name the best 11 players over his 10 years in the State League.

They are: **Lou Kastner** (George Cross, now Keilor-Austria); **Rom Rosewell** (Lions); **John O'Neill** (Hakoah), **George Kinnell** (Juventus), **Milenko Ruzmir**

(J.U.S.T.); **Jimmy Mackay** (Croatia Hellas), **Hugh Murney** (Hakoah), **Cedo Cirkovic** (J.U.S.T.); **Jim Armstrong** (Hakoah, Hellas, Juventus), **Billy Vojtek** (Croatia, Juventus, Essendon-Croatia), **Tommy Cumming** (Sunshine, Essendon-Croatia).

Of these, **Rosewell** returned to Scotland; **O'Neill**, a former Irish international, retired; **Kinnell** went on to play for Western Suburbs and Marconi in Sydney and is now coaching in Perth; **Ruzmir** went on to coach Austria, Juventus, Hakoah and J.U.S.T.; **Mackay** retired last year; **Murney** is coaching Park Rangers, **Cirkovic** is in his seventh year as coach of J.U.S.T.;



Ian McCarthy — Lions, Melbourne, Sunshine and now Ajax.

Armstrong retired a few weeks ago and **Kastner**, **Vojtek** and **Cumming** are still playing.

In 1970, **McCarthy** was runner-up in the Marlboro best player award, won jointly by **O'Neill** and **Dave Pygall** of Ringwood Wilhelmina.

Last year, **McCarthy** received eight votes in the Rothmans Medal voting and the year before, he had nine votes. This year, he is among the leading candidates for the Medal, for no player has been more consistent.

Born in Falkirk, Scotland, **McCarthy** joined Aberdeen at 15 and after two years, he played junior league soccer before coming to Melbourne to join Lions in 1969.

He stayed with Lions for two seasons before switching to Melbourne, where he played until mid-1975. During that time, he appeared in two Ampol Cup finals, one of which Melbourne won against Ringwood Wilhelmina in 1973.

In 1972, he also played in the inter-city series between the top four teams from Sydney and Melbourne. Marconi won the series.

McCarthy transferred to Sunshine for \$2300 in June 1975, and joined Ajax early this year in part exchange for **Nlek Cook**.

He and his wife **Kathy**, have five daughters — **Patricia**, 12, **Marie**, 10, **Wendy** and **Jillian**, 9, and **Cassandra**, 4.

He works as a builder's laborer and lives in Sunshine.

● This is **Ian McCarthy's** choice of the best 11 Victorian State League players of the past 10 years:



Lou KASTNER (Geo. Cross, now Austria)



Tom ROSEWELL (Lions)



John O'NEILL (Hakoah)



George KINNELL (Juventus)



Milenko RUSMIR (J.U.S.T.)



Jimmy MACKAY (Croatia & Hellas)



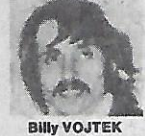
Hugh MURNEY (Hakoah)



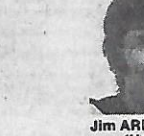
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Jim ARMSTRONG (Hakoah, Hellas & Juventus)



Billy VOJTEK (Croatia, Juventus & Ess. Croatia)



Tommy CUMMING (Sunshine & Ess. Croatia)

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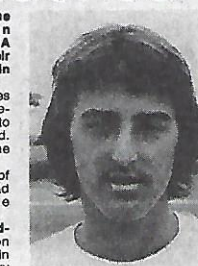
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Our game abandoned



Danny Moulis (Canberra)

LOS ANGELES — The touring Australian schoolboys team led the USA youth team 2-1 when their match was abandoned in sensational circumstances.

Apparently both coaches were dissatisfied with refereeing decisions and agreed to take their teams off the field. They also agreed that the score should stand.

George Chetopoulous of South Melbourne Hellas had scored both of the Australians' goals.

In the previous match, Eddie Krncevic of Essendon Croatia scored a hat-trick in the Australians' 4-0 victory over a California select team. The other goal came from Peter Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic).

In Seattle, the Australians thrashed a Washington State youth side 9-1.

The Australians led 2-0 at half time, then slammed on seven goals to Washington State's one.

Moulis scored three goals for Australia and Hunter, Krncevic and Raskopoulos scored two each.

The Australians had drawn the first match of the tour, 1-1, in Vancouver last week.

Danny Moulis (Canberra)

NSW State League with JOHN LATROBE

This week's games

SATURDAY
M'ville Olympic v Manly — Arlington Oval.

SUNDAY
Sutherland v Granville — Seymour Shaw
Toongabbie v Auburn — Glirraween Park
Monaro v Avala — Marco Polo Oval
Apia v Croatia — Lambert Park
Yugal v Bankstown — Concord Oval
Melita v Arncliffe — Garale Park

A goal in the 53rd minute was sufficient to give Melita a 1-0 win and probably eliminate APILA-Leichtardt from the State League semi-finals in their clash at Lambert Park.

Splendid work by defender Steve Vervoris led to the lone goal. He burst down the left flank and his cross was shot home by Ian McGovern.

Five minutes later APILA received a further blow when defender Norrie Porter was sent off by referee Henry Witschke when he brought down Melita striker Terry Jones.

Up to this stage Melita was the better side. In the final 20 minutes APILA, who had been hit by a shadow of their best, suddenly settled down and actually played better when a man short.

In the end it needed all the skill of goalkeeper, Uwe Backhoff to hold the Leichtardt side at bay. He made many fine saves including two tremendous shots by John Doyle.

APILA were unlucky two minutes from fulltime when a perfectly taken corner by Norrie Ruiz hit the far post and rebounded into the goal.

APILA have four matches still to play against five by their rivals and next week have to face champions Croatia.

Croatia maintained their seven point lead at the top of the table with a convincing 3-1 win over Toongabbie at Glirraween Park.

Atti Abonyi gave Croatia the edge with an outstanding performance in midfield.

He opened the score in the 33rd minute with a great solo effort which left the Toongabbie defence flat-footed.

Heavily guarded throughout, Abonyi switched positions from left to right coupling the defence to score a 30th minute shot in the left hand corner of the net.

Ian Stone put Croatia further ahead in the 38th minute with an angled 20 metre drive in the top right hand corner.

After the interval Toongabbie came out stronger. In attack and Steve Pollard reduced the lead with a goal in the 75th minute.

However, Croatia were back to a two-goal lead within five minutes with another goal from Kevin Coleman from 35 metres.

A hat-trick by striker Sebastian Glampso enabled Monaro to gain a struggling 3-2 win over bottom placed Bankstown at the soccer centre.

Monaro's first goal came in the 22nd minute. Tony Morosello took the ball into the penalty area. Bankstown goalie Terry Greedy and fullback Paul Thompson collided which left Sebastian Glampso in the clear to score.

Right on half time Monaro increased their lead from a free kick. A Walter Valeri lifted the ball over the Bankstown wall for Glampso to complete his double.

After the interval, Bankstown hit back with two goals in the 56th and 57th minutes.

David Tansley scored with a well taken header from a Dennis Daley cross, and one minute later, Daley knocked the ball in to level the score.

Monaro, winning goal, scored a 60th minute goal when Bankstown fullback Thompson clipped the ball from the sideline only to see it land at the feet of Glampso who drove the ball hard and low for his hat-trick.

A crashing drive by coach John Watkins 20 minutes from full time set Sutherland on their way to a 2-0 victory over a determined Auburn at Seymour Shaw Park.

The all-important first goal came with 20 minutes remaining.

After a swamped forward movement, the ball flicked over to Watkins whose first time drive from 30 metres nearly took the back out of the net.

Auburn charged into attack and the Sutherland goal survived some anxious moments before Mark Harrington clinched his team's victory with a well placed free three minutes from full time.

Marrickville Olympic gave a solid all round display in their 2-1 win over Avala at Arlington Oval.

Marrickville attacked strongly and opened the scoring in the 29th minute from a free kick by Ross Brown.

His pass to Alan Hignett was well struck and the spinning ball gave keeper Charles Antonic no chance as it dipped into the top corner of the net.

Marrickville went further ahead in the 63rd minute when Hignett scored his second goal.

His thundering free kick from 25 metres screamed into the corner of the goal past the helpless Avala goalie.

Avala managed to pull one goal back in the 82nd minute when John Beater was on the spot to head home an accurate cross from Griffiths.

Graville turned in their best performance of the season to crush Manly 6-1 at Garale Park.

Bruce Waldron was a constant threat to the Manly defence and had a hand in five of the goals.

Manly took the lead in the 12th minute through Ron Geekle whose deflected shot followed a clearance off the Graville goal line by Graham Baron.

In the 21st minute Billy Fraser put Waldron through for the Graville equaliser.

Waldron scored again in the 35th minute with a hard drive following a clever build-up by Jim Herron.

In the 38th minute Graville keeper Barry Haore made a brilliant save from a Bob Geoghegan penalty kick.

Herron scored a hat-trick after the interval.

Paul Haycock added the last four minutes from the end.

Arncliffe Scots are still not out of relegation trouble, despite their 2-2 draw with Yugal at Hurstville Oval.

Thanks to a late goal by Frank Hall the Scots gained a precious point.

The goal came in injury time and upset the Yugal supporters who thought the match should have ended earlier.

Minutes before Hall's goal, Yugal got the vital break at 2-1 when Ron Delaney scored.

After a scoreless first half on a mud heap, the second half opened sensationally when Tom Maholovic scored for Yuga after accepting a cross from Charles Pigmolia.

Yugal controlled most of the play but Arncliffe came back to score the

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State League: Sunshine City v Hotham St. 1-0. Reserve 1-2. Juventus v Grand Valley 0-0. Frankston City v Geelong 0-2. p.p. Altona City v Albion Layland 2-3. 0-1. Ringwood City v Prahran 1-1. p.p. Prahran v St Albans 2-1. 0-1.

Division One: Box Hill v Devonport 1-0. 2-1. Dandenong City v Clayton City 0-2. 0-2. Werribee City v Maribyrnong 0-3. 0-0. Arden v Springvale City 1-1. 2. Collingwood City v Kallit 2-1. p.p. Kallit City v Western Suburbs 0-2. 2-1.

Division Two: Bell Park v Fitzroy United 3-2. 1-0. Eltham v Knox City 1-2. p.p. Melbourne v Brighton 2-2. 1-2. Richmond v Port Melbourne 2-2. p.p. Ferntree Gully v Footscray 0-1. 0-1. Merriand v St Albans 3-0. 2-4.

Division Three: Chelsea v Heidelberg 3-1. 2-3. Broadmeadows City v Morwell Falcons 2-1. 0-2. South Melbourne v Moorabbin 2-0. 2-1. Moorabbin City v Prahran City 1-3. 2-3. Yallourn v Essendon City 3-0. 0-2. Colwyn v Deodar 0-1. 0-4.

Division Four: Monash University v Norlington 2-0. 3-0. Fawkner v Werribee 2-0. p.p. Port Melbourne v South City 0-0. 0-1. South City v University of Melbourne 1-1. 0-1. Carle v South Yarra 4-0. 2-1. Ringwood United v Clayton 2-1. 0-0.

PROVINCIAL LEAGUE — Division One: Hotham United v Reservoir 4-2. 4-0. Greenhough v Hanny Rangers 2-1. 1-3. North Wang v Langwarrin 3-1. 1-2. Frankston v Pines v Kynephong 1-1. 1. Geelong v Norwading City 1-0. 1. Ballarat v Williamstown 3-0. 3-0.

Division Two: Central Altona v Carlton 1-1. 1-3. Ballarat v East Brunswick 0-4. 2-3. Hawthorn v Karingal p.p. 1-2. Dandenong v South Dandenong 1-1. 7-0. Thomastown v Sandigo City 1-0. 2-4. Royal Park v Malton 4-0. 3-5.

DISTRICT LEAGUE — Division One: Pascoe Vale v Norwading United 1-3. 2-3. Hampton v Prahran 2-0. 2-2. South Dandenong v Sandigo 2-0. 2-0. St Albans v Yarraville v Boro 0-0. 0-0. West Melbourne v Gladstone Park 2-2. 2-3. Ringwood v Hagat 0-2. 2-3.

Division Two: Maribyrnong City v Sandown 1-2. 1-0. Melbourne v North Melbourne 4-0. 2-1. Melbourne v Hawthorn 1-0. 2-3. Clifton Hill v Thornbury 1-1. 2-1. Monash Pines v Yassana 2-1. p.p. Willems v Kensington 4-0. 2-1.

Division Three: Diamond Creek v East Carlton 2-0. 1-2. Cheltenham v Ascot United 3-0. 2-1. North Sunshine v Central Brunswick 2-0. 2-0. Hts. v Banksta v Noble Park 5-0. 1-1.

Division Four: BMIT v Latrobe University — 1-3. Vermont v Masillie Park p.p. 0-0. Balaklava v Cranbourne 5-1. 4-1. Central City v Clarendon 4-1. 3-1. Malvern City v Abbotford Tasse p.p. 0-0.

STATE LEAGUE

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Hobart St Albans	8	5	23	18	21
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Junonia	5	6	18	25	18
Ringwood City	3	6	18	31	12
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Altona City	3	4	11	27	30

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ΠΟΣ ΤΑ ΚΑΤΑΦΕΡΕ Η ΕΛΛΑΣ ΑΔΕΛΑΪΔΟΣ

Η επιτυχία της Ελλάς 'Αδελαιδός στο 2ο 'Εθνικό πρωτάθλημα έχει και την πιο παράξενη ποδοσφαιρική ιστορία. Η 'Ελληνική ομάδα της 'Αδελαιδός έστω και με μία ισοπαλία θα κατακτήσει την άλλη Κυριακή το πρωτάθλημα και θα είναι για τα άρχεια η πρώτη 'Ελληνική ομάδα που κατέκτησε 'Εθνικό πρωτάθλημα της Αυστραλίας.

Φυσικά η πρώτη ερώτηση του καθενός θα είναι για το πώς τα κατάφερε.

Και από δω αρχίζει η παράξενη ιστορία της 'Ελλάς 'Αδελαιδός.

Η 'Ελληνική ομάδα μπορεί 'κατ' άρχην - και πολύ δικαιολογημένα - να έχει ένα παράπονο από τον Τύπο. Είχε την λιγότερη προβολή από κάθε άλλη 'Ελληνική ομάδα στο 'Εθνικό Πρωτάθλημα.

Η πιο αξιολογική ιστορία, φέτος, ήταν η ξαφνική αλλαγή προπονητή καθώς και η άρχειη πρόκληση. Τα δύο αυτά γεγονότα πήραν μεγάλη δημοσιότητα, χωρίς όμως να αποδούν, στις άρχες τουλάχιστον οφέλημα.

Η ομάδα άρχισε το πρωτάθλημα πολύ άσχημα. Μετά την αλλαγή του προπονητή άρχισε να πηγαίνει καλύτερα. Σήμερα είναι η έβδομη πρωταθλήτρια Αυστραλίας. Ποιός είναι λοιπόν ο αίτιος γι' αυτήν την επιτυχία της ομάδας που ξεκίνησε αδύρυστα και με πολύ λίγες προοπτικές για τέτοιο κατόρθωμα;

Οι διαδόσεις γι' αυτή την ιστορία της 'Ελλάς 'Αδελαιδός, είναι πολλές και διάφορες.

Πολλοί λέγαν ότι ο τρόπος παίγινο-υ είναι δευτερεύον του πρώτου προπονητή κ. Μαργαρίτη. Άλλοι πάλι λέγαν ότι η επιτυχία όφειλεται αποκλειστικά και μόνον στους παίκτες. Το χειρότερο όμως είναι ότι πολλοί λίγοι αποδίδουν την επιτυχία της ομάδας στον τυρινό προπονητή κ. Άνταμ. Αυτό σημαίνει ότι αν η ομάδα αποτύχανε θα ζητούσαν το κεφάλι του ιο-παδικού και μαζί με αυτό της διοίκσεως που τον προσέλαβε.

Τώρα όμως με τέσσερις μέρες πριν από τον θριαμβό εξακολουθούν όρισμένοι να αποδίδουν την επιτυχία σε οτιδήποτε άλλο χωρίς να συμπεριλαμβανούν τον κ. Άνταμ. Και αυτό είναι άδικο.

Δεν είναι δυνατόν ένας προπονητής που παρέλαβε την ομάδα στο πρόθυρο της καταστροφής και που μεθαύριο θα πάρει τον τίτλο μαζί της να μην προσέφερε τίποτα.

Μπορεί να μην γνωρίζουμε επιτυχίες του κ. Άνταμ, ίσως αυτή να είναι και η πρώτη του, όπωσδήποτε όμως δεν είναι άμετοχος στην επιτυχία της 'Ελλάς 'Αδελαιδός.

Πολλοί ίσως πούν ότι οι παίκτες μόνο τους πήραν το πρωτάθλημα. Μα αυτός δεν είναι και ο στόχος - άκομη και ευχί-κάθε προπονητή; Το μεγαλύτερο μέρος της επιτυχίας εξαρτάται πολλές φορές από τους παίκτες και όχι από τον προπονητή και αυτό συμβαίνει όταν ακολουθούν σωστά το πρόγραμμα του.

Δεν ξέρω αν υπάρχουν ακόμη όρισμένοι που θέλουν ίσως να θαμπώσουν τον καθρέπτη της επιτυχίας της 'Ελληνικής ομάδας.

Είναι υποχρέωσις όμως όλων μας να συγχροούμε την 'Ελλάς 'Αδελαιδός για την επιτυχία της, που είναι αποτέλεσμα ομαδικής προσπάθειας και όχι άτομικής.

Έτσι, θα πρέπει να οφείζουμε το χέρι του προπονητή και να τους συγχροή-ρια κ. Άνταμ, η ομάδα σας άνακηρύχθη-κε πρωταθλήτρια Αυστραλίας.

Π. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ

Peter Sharpe saves NSW

By BRUCE WADDELL

Entertainment was the name of the game when Queensland and New South Wales drew 2-2 at Perry Park in Brisbane, in the first meeting between the States since 1974.

On that occasion, Queensland beat a 'B' New South Wales side 2-1, while the Socceroos were playing in the World Cup finals in West Germany.

In 1970, Queensland was defeated 3-0 by another second string NSW team. The last time, two full-strength representative sides met was in 1964, when NSW was successful 6-0.

So, some 14 years later, the Maroons and the Blues again met, with the only disappointment being that a most enjoyable match was watched by only some 3,000 people.

New South Wales' starting lineup contained 10 Phillips League players, with the only 'outsider' being Sutherland youngster Craig Hall, but each of the State League reserves were given a run in the second half by coach Joe Vlastakis.

Queensland had an early setback when keeper Nigel Lowndes injured a thumb at training and withdrew, but his place was capably filled by Kim Wishart.

Queensland also began the match with 10 Phillips League players and the extra man here was Grange Thistle's Steve Dolan, a former Australian under-23 international tourist and regular state

player. State coach Denis Ford made only one change, substituting the out-of-touch Barry Kelso with another First Division player and longtime State representative, Ron Millman.

This was definitely a match of two sections. Queensland looked to be heading for a sizeable victory when they played some fine foot-balls to race to a 2-0 lead, 16 minutes after half time.

Players like Peter Sharpe, Paul Degner, Peter Stone and Murray Barnes were strangely subdued until New South Wales fought back so magnificently to deservedly square accounts.

That wanted New South Wales quarter had been kept quiet largely through the sustained efforts of Dolan, Steve Amos, George Potter and left back Alan Niven, but once Queensland lost control of the mid-field, they were on the backpedal for the latter stages of the second half.

New South Wales began more fluently and the Queensland defence was put under some early pressure by several poor clearances from Wishart.

But in the 8th minute, Queensland almost took the lead

QUEENSLAND 2 (Dolan, Fairbrother) NEW SOUTH WALES 2 (Barnes, Sharpe) at Perry Park, crowd 3,000. Ratings: QUEENSLAND - Wishart 8, Perry 7, Her-miston 8, Bennett 8, Niven 7, Amos 7, Potter 7, Gaffney 7, Dolan 8, Fairbrother 7, Kelso 6 (Millman 6th min. 6). NEW SOUTH WALES - Clarke 7 (Hoare 45th min. 6), Mullen 6 (Russell 45th min. 6), S. O'Connor 7, O'Shea 8, Degner 7, Stone 7, Barnes 8, Sharpe 8, Hall 7 (Glampop 45th min.), Eaton 7, P. O'Connor 6 (Buller 45th min. 6).

when Potter, Jim Hermiston and Larry Gaffney worked the ball up-field, from where it came to Kelso on the left.

He crossed and Gaffney shot but Todd Clarke, seemingly out of position, managed to corkscrew himself and pull off a brilliant save.

Two minutes later, Amos made a stylish break down the middle and split the backline wide open but Dolan, with Clarke to beat, struck wide.

NSW came into the picture quickly with Clive Eaton sending Hall down the right wing. He cut in and shot across the goalmouth but Wishart dived and saved well.

Dolan was having a picnic on the left wing after switching away from Degner several times turned Kevin Julian inside out with ease. From one such run, Dolan lined up with Amos, who headed Barry Fairbrother's header was destined for the corner until Clarke again saved well. Young Hall had another chance for NSW when Stone intercepted a Doolan

pass and made the opening, but his shot was halted when Wishart made a difficult save look easy.

Queensland took the lead in the 37th minute with a splendid move which began with Fairbrother on the halfway line. Kelso was also involved before Mullen and Stephen O'Connor tried vainly to clear, but the ball bounced in front of Dolan, who hammered it past Clarke from just inside the box.

Sharpe, for the first time in the match, showed his wares when he made a 55th minute break; but the classy Hermiston came out to halt him with a good smothering tackle, one of the many he later had to utilise on the flying wing.

Dolan shot over the top from long range for Queensland, who then took a 2-0 lead in the 61st minute, when Fairbrother easily headed a Niven cross past Clarke's replacement, Barry Hoare.

Possibly the earlier effort began to tell, instead of really raring in home the advantage

Queensland shortened stride and within minutes it was obvious NSW had the talent to come back.

Eaton should have pulled a goal back only two minutes after Queensland's second goal at the end of a counter raid during which Sharpe again made a powerful run only to have his cross half blocked by Hermiston.

The rebound came to Sebastian Glampop, who cracked a shot goalwards. Wishart saved and while he was on the ground, yet another ricochet was headed wide by Eaton.

Terry Buller livened up the NSW attack and from one of his accurate corners in the 68th minute, Queensland failed to clear quickly enough and Barnes scored a tremendous header in via Wishart's fingertip.

Only four minutes later, NSW equalised through the graceful Sharpe, in slightly controversial circumstances.

He broke from the halfway line after Steve O'Connor had broken up a Queensland attack and seeing that two team mates on his right were offside, Sharpe continued alone, with Barnes spearheading the advancing Wishart.

The linesman had raised his flag for the offside, but referee Dieter Klose correctly ruled the goal should stand.

From then on, NSW surged forward with Stone and Barnes in full cry and it took the strength of Hermiston, Col Bennett, Steve Perry and Wishart to hold them out and retain the tight scoreline.



● Monash (Latrobe Valley) seniors, standing from left: W. Schnabl, K. Sandy, R. Lang, L. Winkelman, P. Boyes, R. Ellul. Front: C. Lang, I. Amaira, J. Schnabl, K. Krawe, T. Sultana.



● Monash reserves, standing from left: C. Nash, L. Schnabl, D. Lang, B. Quirke, T. Murray, J. Vazquez. Front: M. Jackson, D. Kowal, M. Rooney, A. Ellul, P. Harris.



● Monash Second Division team standing from left: R. Aquilina, G. Aquilina, G. Learmouth, D. Short, R. Winkelman, R. Talbot, L. Schnabl. Front: C. Camilleri, R. Hughes, D. Kowal, F. Amaira, N. Carolan, K. Davey.



● Monash Third Division team, standing from left: C. Cachia, D. Rek, M. Lang, J. Fletcher, S. Peel, R. Ross, B. Sostak. Front: D. Hankinson, R. Winkelman, P. Blunt, M. Farrugia, D. Elington.

Title marks 20th year

Latrobe Valley (Vic.) club Monash is celebrating its 20th anniversary in fine style, having won the 3rd Division championship.

Monash is the only club in the Latrobe Valley to field four senior teams - seniors, reserves, 2nd Division and 3rd Division. The other teams are also faring well, with the seniors and reserves in the top four and the 2nd Division team finishing runner-up. Monash also has a women's team and six junior teams.

The club has just bought a hall which will replace the present clubrooms and will be ready for use by next season. The juniors are performing well, with the under-10s on top of the league and the under-14s second.

Colin Bird has been selected to represent Victoria in the under-13 team - the only player from Latrobe Valley. Monash will billet the Tasmanian team for the forthcoming national championships.

The 3rd Division team clinched the title when it beat Moe City 5-3. Goalscorers were R. Winkelman 2, B. Sostak 2 and M. Farrugia.

Monash's presentation is on August 25th in the Yallourn golf club.

Hot-trick heroes

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes", published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes: Zeilko Dilber, 14, five goals (Nunawading); Greg Hartland, 14 (Nunawading); Greg Barnes, 16 (Rosanna); Pierre Graham, 6, Craig Cartwright, 8 (Lavington, NSW); Marty Kaminea, 8, four goals (Stockton, NSW); Darren Brown, 8,

four goals; Steve Grimshaw, four goals; Warren Lynch, 8, Darren Beyer, five goals (Bellambi, NSW); Chris Anker, 12 (Baxter); Mark Lucas, 8, seven goals; Murray Hodgson, 8, Ross Gilbert, 8, five goals; Leonard Fernandes, 8, nine goals; Steve Thatcher, 8 (Peninsula); Con Lages, 10 (West United); Martin Farrugia, 11 (St Albans); Fighah Ilhan, (George Cross); John Bruno, 13, five goals (Sunshine Heights); Vlahos Dimitrios, 10, four goals (St. Melb Hellas); Anthony Barton, 8, five goals; Garner Clancy, 8, four goals (West Ryde Rovers, NSW); Rudolfo Carlesimo, 11 (Werrbee); Michael Ward, 12, five goals (Nunawading); Tommy Sonaini, 7, Dale Foulkes, 7, Eddie Carroll, 7 (Meadow Park); Mario Madalieri, 11, Roscoe Alessi, 14, Marko Franko, 15 (Coburn); George Katsamboukas, 16, six goals; Kon Kofas, 16 (Clairinda); Jimmy O'Connor, 12, four goals (Polonia Adelaide); Steve Barrett, 10, Brett Parrish, 10 (Rochester Hospiters); Troy Green, 7, seven goals; Peter Minotto, 7, five goals; Kane Weeks, 7, Terrence Dowd, 7, four goals (Unaderrah, Hearts, NSW); Craig Banthorpe, 7, four goals,

Aaron Scott, 7, Claudio Avian, 11, four goals (Cundiora); Robert Blitt, 13 (Doncaster); Con Lantouris, 10, five goals; Jimmy Tzouvalis, 10, four goals (Caulfield); Martin Calkin, 11, (Melbourne); Alex Delyianina, 7, Craig Miller, 7, four goals (Karrigal); Dominic Galleta, 11, (Westminster); Suburbs, NSW; Angelo Gaurillas, 12, four goals (Richmond); Joe Rivelland, 15, Pat Lennon, 15, Michael Ward, 13, four goals; John Cuck, 14 (Mazened College); Tony Wilson, 8, Mike Walsh, 8, four goals (Ringwood City); Geoff Winter, 11, Michael George, 12, Jason Cooley, 11 (Mowbray Open, Tas); Shane Cleaver, 10, Trevor Barnett, 10 (Mowbray under-10s, Tas); John Myzaka, 10, Geoffrey Caldecott, 11 (Bayswater Primary School); Ronald Nyhulas, 13, four goals (Berwick); Kevin Culham, 9, six goals; Alan Dunn, 8 (Morcollan); Pasquale Rumoro, 13 (Kellor Australia); Ray Bonlar, 12, six goals; Gavin Barnley, 12, four goals; Brendan Edgington, 12, six goals; Garry Blake, four goals; Warren McDougall, four goals; (Ferntree Gully Primary School).

A view from the junior ranks BY LEIF JENSEN

I have just taken a count of letters received regarding non-competition before the age of 11 or 12 and the result is 40 letters for and 100 letters against, so it looks like my personal view is shared by many other people.

I would also like to point out that not one of the people against the idea gave me any reason as to why they should keep the competition going, so I take it that there is no such reason.

Mr John Harting (Peninsula Soccer Club) sent me a letter this week, and I would like you to read part of it John says:

"Although I myself believe that the J.L.C.C. should NOT ask but tell the clubs how to run junior soccer to the benefit of young players, I think that the J.L.C.C. is a useful league ladder to give those people involved the satisfaction of winning, even though the boys could not care less. For them, every game is fun, ladder or no ladder."

John finishes his letter in this manner: "I remain a concerned father, whose main reason for doing this sort of work is to get the boys off the street and build up a healthy interest in soccer for the future."

Now, if a man like John would only go along and enrol for a coaching course, if he has not already done so, he will obviously make a terrific junior coach, so next time there is a course going in your area, John, let's see your name on the list.

We need a lot more qualified coaches in Australia. In Victoria, there are 145 coaches to a total of 16,488 players, and in NSW 173 coaches to coach 64,892 players, so by these figures I hope you can see why I say that we need a lot more qualified coaches. What's more, there is no excuse for not taking part in some of these coaching courses. I will do my bit by making sure that all cases for future courses are published in this column.

I do feel that a junior coach should be coaching players, not teams to win a competition.

We should spend a lot more time on teaching good basic technique because without these, we'll never improve our standard of play.

If they make a mistake or if they fail in what they are trying to do.

Instead, praise them for what they were trying and in your next coaching session, show them how they can improve whatever they tried. This way, you will be coaching your kids to become better players. Try it next time. I think you will find it works.

All letters to L. G. Jensen, 16 Saturn St, South Caulfield, 3162.

Under-19 trials

Bill Curran, who has been appointed coach of the Victorian under-19 team for the Coca Cola national youth championships to be held in May next year, has started his search for talented young players.

Curran will hold selection trials in October and November.

All Victorian clubs with exceptionally talented players born on or after August 1, 1960, are asked to ring Curran on 534 4304 or 534 3114.

Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001

SECRETARY: Carmine Picorello (08) 337 0241

COACH: Les Sheinflug.

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington.
(08) 31 1844

COLOURS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **WEST ADELAIDE** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD. 4077

SECRETARY: Simon Boeqheim, (07) 372 2891

COACH: G. Vincze

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.
(07) 52 5328

COLORS: All Orange with Blue Stripe.

SPONSOR: **Kentucky Fried Chicken**

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE CITY** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



BRISBANE CITY

P.O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club Phone 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711

COACH: B. Truman

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.

SPONSOR: **Alitalia** Airlines

This week's match: v. **BRISBANE LIONS** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

SECRETARY: David Dillon 48 8917 (W)

COACH: J. Warren. 54 1787 (L)

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce.

SPONSOR: **BRIAN POLLOCK** Ford

This week's match: v. **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at National Athletic Stadium (Canberra) Saturday 3 pm.



EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker, 30 3344 (mornings)

663 4576 (afternoons)

COACH: Gerry Chaldi

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe, N.S.W. (02) 660 7431

SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods

This week's match: v. **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park

or

Schintler Reserve

This week's match: v. **FITZROY UNITED** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



FITZROY UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

CONTESTANT IN MISS ALEXANDER QUEST 1978

NAME: Ourania Giropines

AGE: 16

PLACE OF BIRTH: Melbourne

OCCUPATION: Student at Latimer High School

HOBBIES: Soccer, stamp collecting, sports in general, shell collecting

SPONSORED BY: Andorra Lingerie 9-13 Tinning St. Brunswick

For further enquiries about the Quest ring Mrs Polly

Mazale 560 4863 or Mr Spyros Rombotis 458 9849

or 478 0113. Miss Alexander Quest judging will take

place November 25th at New Palais Ballroom

This week's match: v. **FOOTSCRAY** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

Goldair
TRAVEL & TOURS



SECRETARY: S. Karanikolo-

poulos (03) 41 3048

COACH: J. Margaritis

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan

St., Melbourne (03) 42 0642.

COLORS: Black & Gold

SPONSOR: Goldair Travel

MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: V. Morizzi, Bus. (02) 72 2433

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park

SPONSOR: Rosso Antico

This week's match: v. **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 3 pm.



NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v. **MARCONI** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 3 pm.

Thanks to the 100,000 people of Newcastle who have attended our home fixtures this year.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: S. Boqnar, Bus. (02) 630 2744

COACH: J. Vlasits.

GROUND: Barton Park, Rockdale

COLORS: White, Red & Green

This week's match: v. **WESTERN SUBURBS** at Barton Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

General Manager: Mike Whitewood.
(Bus.) 94 5048, 94 5462 (After Hours)
309 4079

MANAGER/COACH: D. McLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive,
Middle Park

COLORS: Blue and white.

This week's match: v. **CANBERRA**

CITY at National Athletic Stadium

(Canberra) Saturday 3 pm.



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181

SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N. Smilas, Bus. (02) 72 0661

COACH: J. Marston

GROUND: Erskinvale Oval, Mitchell Rd., Erskinvale

SPONSOR: Patra Fruit Juices **opatra**

This week's match: v. **EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311

COACH: J. Adam

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh

COLORS: Blue and white.

This week's match: v. **ADELAIDE CITY** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



WESTERN SUBURBS

4 WILLIAM ST., FIVE DOCK, N.S.W., 2046

SECRETARY: G. Stratford, Bus. (02) 713 8672

COACH: M. Laing

GROUND: Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural

COLORS: Black & White

This week's match: v. **ST. GEORGE** at Barton Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

